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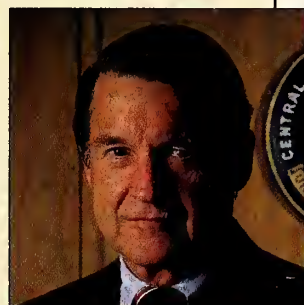
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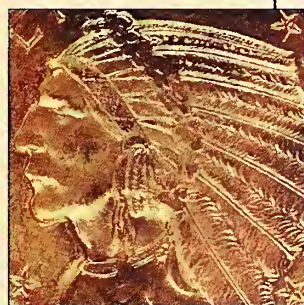
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Reparations

In response to the letter-writer in the July issue, I think it's high time that U.S. soldiers also are paid for having to relocate.

I spent 38 months in Africa and suffered through three bouts of malaria. My father was told that my chances of living were poor. And I did it all for \$21 a month.

*John R. Drost
Mesa, Ariz.*

The defenders of Bataan and Corregidor spent 1,800 days in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps, were used for slave labor and were fed poor food. The Japanese government gave them nothing. The U.S. government gave them \$1 a day, for a grand total of \$1,800.

*Peter B. Lasanen
Chassell, Mich.*

The Japanese on the West Coast were interred, even though 73 percent were American citizens, born in this country and entitled to the full protection of its laws. Not one Japanese-American was brought to trial for disloyal activities; not one was charged with any crime. But they were dispossessed of their

worldly goods, real estate and crops.

Still, 8,400 of them volunteered for service to the nation in the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which served in Italy. At war's end, the 442nd had earned 3,600 Purple Heart medals, one Medal of Honor, 47 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal and 354 Service Stars.

*Frak Vera Jr.
St. Petersburg, Fla.*

The Wrong Side

"The Media: Whose Side Are They On?" (July) hit the bull's eye. But will the American public be treated to such keen media analysis in *Time* or *Newsweek*, or in major Washington, New York or Los Angeles newspapers? Not likely. Understandably, they avoid such incriminating self-analysis.

What can the average veteran do who agrees that Congress and the American public have been hoodwinked by slick PR firms that represent communist-Sandinista causes?

He can write his congressman or senator. But they, too, have failed him time and again, as we observed their votes against lethal aid for the Nicaraguan freedom fighters.

Let's face it: The media have already won this war for the communists, as they proved in Vietnam that they could do.

*Elden H. Shute Jr.
Ocala, Fla.*

Farmers' Plight

I read with great interest your articles (June) on the plight of American farmers and how many are facing bankruptcy. That was our case. Is there any relief for the bankrupt farmer who still owes income taxes? Strange as it may seem, it is possible to be completely bankrupt, lose your home, your car and all assets, and still be liable for astronomical amounts of taxes.

*Luella Smith
Brawley, Iowa*

Happy Late Comer

Though I am a late comer to the Legion, I am delighted with many of your stories. I await your magazine eagerly to see how many of my staunchly held beliefs on foreign policy you support, along with concrete information on the really pressing needs of our military services.

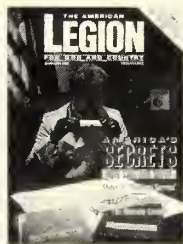
This is so contrary to the stories put out by TV newsmen, major newspapers and particularly the news services.

Your thoroughness, research, intelligence and believability could have a lasting effect on many devoted Legionnaires who are misled by their daily reading of the so-called news.

Please keep up the good work so that millions of veterans will truly understand what is going on, and will speak out and vote on the knowledge you give them to ensure a safer future for our beloved country.

*Charles E. Stiver
Cape Girardeau, Mo.*

Long Overdue



As we go to press, the VA seems just days away from congressional approval that will make it the nation's 14th Cabinet-level agency (see p. 38).

Statistics alone dictate that the VA administrator be more accessible to the President during decision-making processes that affect all Americans.

About 43 percent of Americans—27.7 million veterans and 78.4 million dependents—are potentially eligible for VA services. The VA employs more than 250,000 people and has an annual budget of \$27 billion. Half of its budget, \$14 billion, is paid out in disability payments, pensions and other benefits to 3 million veterans and to 1.1 million surviving spouses and dependents. The

VA also operates the fifth-largest insurance program in the nation.

But the flagship of all VA benefits and services is, undoubtedly, its health-care delivery system, the largest in the Free World. More than 90 percent of the VA's employees work in its 172 medical centers, 228 clinics and one independent domiciliary. On any given day, nearly 100,000 patients are being treated in VA hospitals. In addition, thousands more receive daily care as outpatients. Most assuredly, a Department of Veterans Affairs is long overdue.

Also, beginning with this issue, *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* is offering reprints of major articles for a nominal fee. The reprints will make excellent handouts in conjunction with membership recruiting and other programs that promote the Legion's good works. Information on prices and quantities is on page 76.

The Editors

Let Us Know

I would like to hear from others who have multiple sclerosis. I want to know if their cases are service-connected. Also, is anything being done to bring the dilemma of MS patients to the attention of the Veterans Administration, as was done by Social Security?

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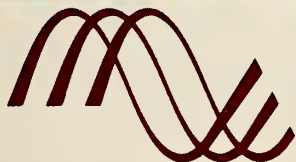
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"Smokey's" New Challenge

The war on drug production isn't being fought only in Latin and South America. A smaller but equally fierce battle is being waged in our national forest lands.

Marijuana is now being grown in hundreds of small plots in the nation's 175 forests and grasslands. The operations have become so sophisticated and so cleverly guarded that the Forest Service has been forced to place 886,000 acres off limits for the safety of its employees and the general public.

The Forest Service has asked Congress for more funds, increased penalties for growing drugs on national property and, perhaps most important, the right to pursue and arrest the growers outside the United States.

The "Watch List"

The Department of Justice has at long last compiled a list of approximately 9,800 former concentration-camp guards and other people who participated or assisted in Nazi activities during World War II. Their names will be placed on the Immigration and Naturalization Service's "watch list," so that they will be barred from entering the United States.

According to Neal Sher, director of the Office of Special Investigations, the list includes names collected from captured war records, postwar wanted and detention lists, and similar files. The most notable person on the list is Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

The OSI is mandated to locate alleged Nazi collaborators, and to start denaturalization and deportation proceedings against them.

Dousing Drunken Drivers

Demand is building on Capitol Hill for harsher penalties against drunken drivers. New legislation, backed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Safety Council, would provide incentives for states to suspend or revoke the licenses of drivers who are under the influence of alcohol.

In 1984, Congress took a step in this direction by passing the Uniform Minimum Drinking Age Act. Today all 50 states have a minimum drinking age of 21, a measure that saves an estimated 1,000 lives each year. Drunk drivers, who are involved in a traffic fatality every 22 minutes, caused about 25,000 deaths last year.

Vow Of Poverty?

The glamour of working on a senator's or congressman's staff is a magnet for recruits on Capitol Hill, but the pay is relatively low and the working conditions often are stressful.

As Congress' workload continues to grow, legislators are finding it increasingly difficult to hold on to experienced assistants, according to a survey conducted by the Congressional Management Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

The survey found the turnover figures to be "shocking." Four of every 10 legislative assistants have held their posts for less than a year; two of every three, for less than two years.

The average staff member's salary is \$26,118, compared with the federal-employee average of \$31,011. Administrative assistants, who are the chiefs of staff in legislators' offices, earn an average \$54,000.

The Money Trail

If you've ever wondered where your tax dollars go, you can find part of the answer in the Census Bureau's report on federal spending in fiscal 1987.

Last year the government spent \$848 billion, or an average \$3,433 per citizen. More than 40 percent of the annual outlay was direct payments to people under programs such as Social Security, Medicare and food stamps. About 25 percent of the expenditures were for defense and other procurement contracts; 15 percent was needed to meet the federal payroll. The rest consisted of state and local grants, research expenses, and agriculture subsidies.

The largest annual federal payroll — \$3.7 billion — was paid in San Diego County, Calif. Los Angeles County, Calif., was runner-up, with \$2.5 billion. However, Los Angeles County has the nation's largest federal procurement expenditures: \$13.2 billion.

The Paper Chase

According to Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, a former basketball star and Rhodes scholar, the exploitation of young athletes by colleges and universities is a "national shame." Therefore, he has introduced the Student Athlete Right to Know Act, which requires colleges that receive federal assistance to annually report the graduation rate of their athletic-scholarship recipients.

Only one of every 10,000 high-school athletes who want careers in professional sports ever realizes that aspiration, Bradley said, and the prospects for non-sports employment are increasingly poor: About 25 percent of the nation's senior-high-school football and basketball players are functionally illiterate. The legislator puts part of the blame on coaches and schools that emphasize athletic success to the detriment of education.

Bradley said he wants young athletes to be informed about their prospects, not carried away by dreams of stardom. He wants high-school athletes to be aware that many college athletes fail to graduate for lack of educational requirements.

Quote Of The Month

"... We the people, all of us, believe in liberty and equality. We believe in limited government and in the betterment of the human condition... The young must be taught these things, and at the same time they should learn that a large part of the world thinks and acts according to other principles."

William J. Bennett
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SHOULD WE REMOVE TAX BREAKS FOR U.S. FACTORIES ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER?

Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-New York

Over the past decade, the term *maquiladora* has entered the business lexicon. *Maquiladoras* are American-owned plants along the U.S.-Mexico border, operating under special U.S. tax treatment and Mexican foreign-investment regulations. American-made components are shipped to Mexico and used to assemble products that are sent back to the United States. Under Item 807 of our Tariff Code, import duties on goods are paid only on the value of Mexican labor.

YES



The rationale for the tariff code is that with intense international competition, many American firms can no longer compete with companies that use low-wage labor unless they move their own labor-intensive operations to Mexico.

However, the facts do not support this argument. In the *maquiladora* border-factory program, the so-called "twin plant" on the U.S. side of the border usually is only a warehouse that generates few jobs for Americans. Ninety percent of the *maquiladora* jobs are on the Mexican side of the border.

American firms have invested more than \$2 billion in operations during the past 10 years. Estimates are that by 1995, the *maquiladora* program could employ 1 million Mexican workers and our imports of *maquila* products could reach \$25 billion.

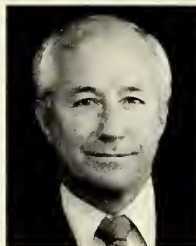
General Motors Corp. is expected to open 12 new *maquiladoras* in Mexico soon. This will make a total of 23 GM twin plants in that country. GM will make this investment in Mexico while closing 11 plants in the Midwest and laying off about 29,000 American workers.

Simply put, we are providing a tax incentive for American corporations to hire young women and teen-age girls who earn the Mexican minimum wage, which is \$2.40 a day.

By encouraging American manufacturers to invest in low-wage regions, we are giving them an incentive to become more competitive at the expense of our workers, rather than by using our engineers' intelligence. The free-enterprise system promises that economic growth will generate a higher standard of living because market competition forces productivity gains. But it is a perversion of that system to provide tax breaks as an incentive to use low-wage labor.

Repealing a tax incentive that moves jobs abroad is not protectionism; it is simple common sense. A repeal is overdue. ☐

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona



NO

Imagine a trade program that helps U.S. industries compete with Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. Imagine a trade program that contributes to the economic development of a vitally important neighboring nation.

Such a trade program is thriving today. It is strengthening America's manufacturing base and contributing to the longest peacetime economic expansion in our history.

I am referring to Mexico's *maquiladora*, or "twin plant," assembly program. It works like this: U.S.-made components are exported to Mexico; assembled in *maquiladora* plants by Mexican workers; and returned to the United States for final assembly, processing and distribution. Duty is paid only on the value added during *maquiladora* assembly.

Established by Mexico in 1965 and supported by long-standing tariff preferences, the *maquiladora* program was designed to help the depressed U.S.-Mexico border region. It quickly surpassed expectations. *Maquiladoras* now help support more than 1.2 million jobs in all 50 U.S. states.

Mexico has gained, too. *Maquiladoras* are that country's largest generator of surplus foreign exchange, a significant fact, since Mexico owes \$105 billion to foreign banks.

Critics, notably the AFL-CIO, accuse *maquiladoras* of stealing jobs. That view ignores the real choice that American companies face today. The choice is not between keeping jobs in the United States or moving them to Mexico; it is between locating some operations in Mexico or moving an even greater portion overseas.

This fact was confirmed recently when the AFL-CIO challenged the secretary of labor to conduct a study of *maquiladoras'* effect on American jobs. The secretary responded by commissioning Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates.

The study, released in June, revealed that terminating the *maquiladora* program would result in the loss of 92,000 U.S. jobs by 1992. Most of the U.S. casualties would be in manufacturing, especially the machinery and automotive industries.

Both labor and management can agree that the real issue is not whether to save American jobs, but how. The *maquiladora* program is more than an enlightened trade policy; it is vital to any serious full-employment strategy. ☐

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PART-TIME WORK BRINGS ADVANTAGES, RESPONSIBILITIES

By William Sullivan

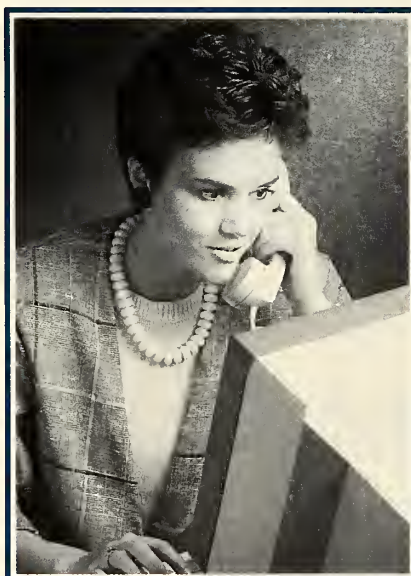
ONE-QUARTER of all American workers are part-timers. Students, mothers, computer analysts, engineers and others are choosing flexible schedules, higher wages and increased independence over the security of a full-time job.

Along with these advantages, however, come important financial responsibilities. A part-timer, for example, must make up for the lack of benefits that come with a full-time job, such as health insurance and a retirement plan. The part-time worker must also assume responsibility for income tax and Social Security tax payments. Here are some tips on how to organize and manage the hidden costs of a part-time job.

HEALTH INSURANCE

If you are a part-timer with a spouse working full time, you may be covered by your mate's company health plan. If this option is not available, you can cut costs on a health plan by finding a group that offers insurance as a benefit. Many professional groups, unions, college alumni clubs and credit-card issuers have negotiated group rates that are considerably lower than individual rates.

If you prefer a private health plan, think carefully about your needs and



FLEXIBILITY—Mothers and students are among 60 million Americans who fit part-time work into their daily schedules.

shop around for a suitable package. For example, if you are in good health, you might choose a basic hospitalization plan rather than more comprehensive coverage with a higher price tag. If you're looking for total health insurance, a prepaid health plan, such as an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization), often is more affordable. HMOs provide inpatient and outpatient services for a set price, but the selection of physicians and hospitals usually is limited to those affiliated with the HMO you choose.

SOCIAL SECURITY

There is one "insurance policy" that you must buy: Social Security. If your employer does not deduct taxes from your wages, you must pay the Social Security self-employment tax in addition to federal income taxes. In 1987,

the self-employment tax rate was 12.3 percent on adjusted gross income up to \$43,800, for a maximum tax of \$5,387.

For a part-time worker to qualify for Social Security — including full retirement benefits, survivors' benefits, disability and hospital insurance for people over age 65 — you must have worked at least 40 quarters or 10 years. Check with your local Social Security office to determine how many quarters you've accumulated.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Since Social Security benefits alone may not be sufficient for meeting the full costs of your retirement, it may be wise to set up a personal retirement plan, such as an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) or a Keogh plan. Anyone with earned income can add to or start an IRA account and contribute up to \$2,000 each year. As long as you earned at least \$2,000 for your personal services and you are not covered by a qualified retirement plan, you can deduct the contribution from your taxable income.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986, however, limits the deductibility of IRA contributions for those covered by a company retirement plan and earning more than \$25,000 filing singly, or more than \$40,000 filing a joint return. All contributions — deductible or not — may grow and compound tax-deferred until you begin to withdraw from the account.

A more comprehensive retirement plan is a Keogh plan. Part-timers or self-employed persons may contribute up to 25 percent of earned annual income up to a maximum of \$30,000. Contributions are made with "pre-tax dollars" — meaning that your taxable income is figured after these contribu-

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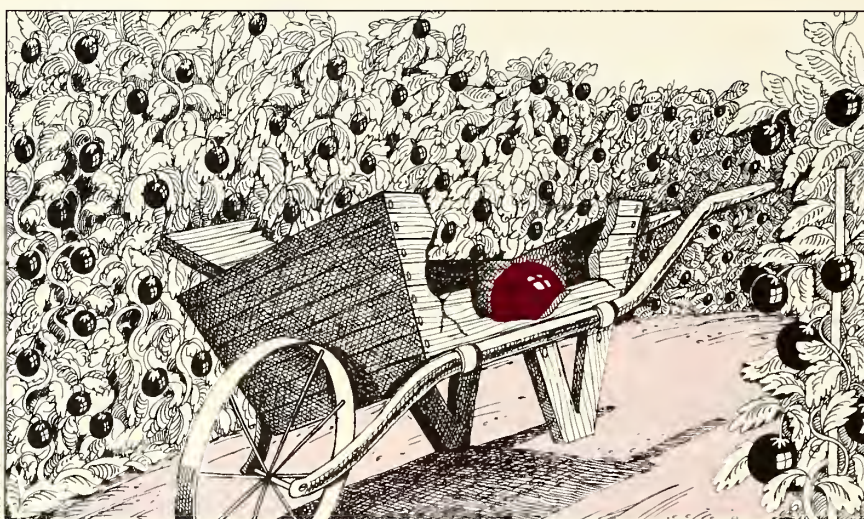
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Andrew and Leonard test-fire their cannon for the first time. They chalk up a direct hit on Whippoorwill Green's wheelbarrow.



By John Rickey

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Dear Major Corby,

I am sorry your letter instructing us not to do anything with the cannon came so late, as we have already tested all the cannonballs you sent us. You will be happy to hear that the cannon didn't blow up or anything.

John Rickey, a former Air Force pilot, is an executive in the defense industry.

But those grooves did seem to change the cannon quite a bit.

To begin with, we mounted the cannon on the carriage in our shop, and she fit on there perfectly. Then, in the middle of the night to protect security on it, we hitched up Hugo (that's my horse) and pulled it out to the woods along Feather Creek about 20 miles out of town. There's a valley out there where no one lives, so we thought that'd be a good place to try her out.

We got it in place about 8 in the morning, all staked down and aimed alongside a clump of trees at a place in the creek bed where we thought the shell would land. We watched some cannons being fired when we were kids during the French and Indian War, so we were pretty sure how it would work. Captain Hawkins rode out in the morning to watch. He'd seen a cannon fired down in Hartford about a year ago.

Leonard poured in the powder, and I dropped in the cannonball and tamped it down good. Then we tied Leonard's flintlock musket across the barrel and tied a string to the trigger. We got off behind a rock about 20 feet away and pulled the string.

The cannon went off just fine and sounded good, but we couldn't see where the cannonball hit. We spent about an hour down in the creek bed looking for the ball when Whippoorwill Green, an old hermit, came walking up carrying our cannonball and wanted to know what we thought we were doing. He said he'd been doing his morning chores in his cabin on the other side of the valley about a mile and a quarter away when our cannonball smashed into a wheelbarrow in his garden. We couldn't understand how it got clear over there, but he had it and was so insistent that we pay for his wheelbarrow that we figured somehow it did.

The cannonball hadn't changed much, but it did have some marks on it that weren't there before. We finally figured out they were made by the grooves on the inside of our cannon.

Anyway, we moved the cannon a little so it wouldn't shoot any more shot into Whippoorwill's garden and loaded her up again. Since Whippoorwill had already seen what we were doing, we couldn't very well make him leave, so he stayed to watch.

We fired her again and watched up on the opposite ridge, and sure enough, about a second after we shot it off, we saw the cannonball smash against a pile of stones over there.

By the time we'd fired all the cannonballs that would fit the barrel, it was getting dark. We were getting pretty good at aiming it, and could pick out a bush on the far ridge about a mile away and hit it almost every time. That cannon sure does make those cannonballs go straight.

We told Whippoorwill not to mention what he'd seen to anybody, and he agreed not to. He said he hadn't seen anyone in a little over two years, so he didn't figure to have too much trouble keeping our secret.

We pulled the cannon back into town during the night. The next day was Sunday, and your letter came today.

Professor Milter, who teaches the children here in Wilfred Corners, heard about what had happened when we fired our cannon. He said that surely the gouged-out marks in our cannon had something to do with the way the cannon works and that he was intending to do some experimenting with that very thing some day. He was surprised at how we'd happened on to his invention.

I'm sorry we didn't wait until your inspection team got here, but since we didn't seem to hurt the cannon any by shooting it, they'll still be able to look it over all right.

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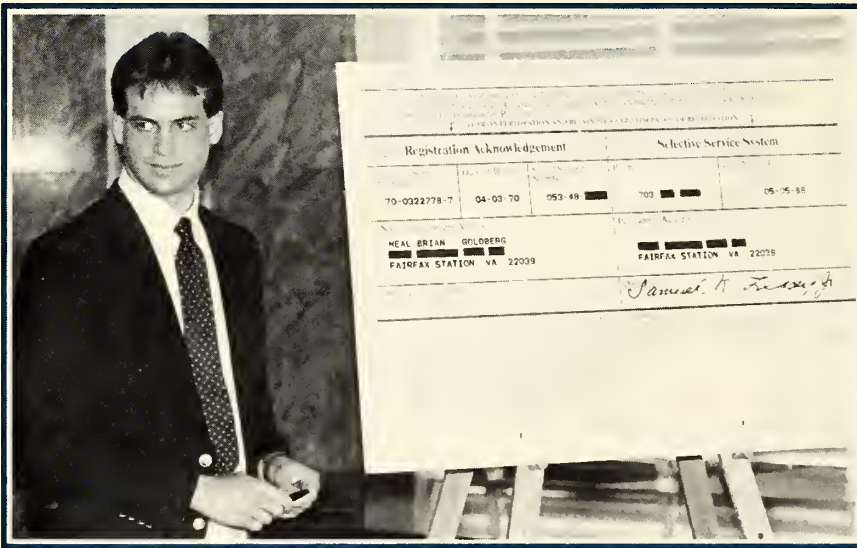
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By Samuel K. Lessey Jr.

ON APRIL 6, 1988, a young man visited the post office in Fairfax Station, Va., and completed a simple postcard-size government form. Neal B. Goldberg had celebrated his 18th birthday three days earlier, and as required by law, he registered with the Selective Service System.

Goldberg didn't know it then, but his registration soon would be celebrated as a milestone. On May 5, his registra-

tion became the 20 millionth to be processed since President Carter reinstated the requirement in July 1980.

Goldberg symbolizes the millions before him who lived up to an important civic responsibility. In a recent ceremony on Capitol Hill, the Selective Service System officially recognized him as the 20 millionth registrant. With the help of Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi and Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, the agency gave

THE LEGION'S POSITION

Res. 423 and 424, approved by the 68th national convention in Cincinnati, support the Selective Service System and the military draft as effective ways to meet the manpower requirements of the U.S. armed forces.

Samuel K. Lessey Jr., a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, became director of the Selective Service System in January 1988.

Goldberg a commemorative plaque and an enlarged registration-acknowledgment card.

In reaching this milestone, the Selective Service System has come a long way toward improving its readiness. Just 10 years ago, the system was on "deep standby." Many studies and task-force reports indicated that service would not be able to meet its mission in an emergency, since it would take too long to register, call and induct untrained people. But today, the system is prepared to provide up to 100,000 young men for induction within 30 days of reinstatement of the draft. It also is ready to manage an alternative-service program for conscientious objectors.

Selective Service employees hope that mobilization never will become necessary, but history shows that the best way to maintain peace is to be prepared for war.

PEACE TIME registration is controversial. The steps that our country must take to defend itself prompt constant public discussion. After all, freedom of expression is one of the basic rights upon which our nation was built. But the need to protect this freedom is self-evident.

More than 96 percent of American men between the ages of 18 and 25 complied with the law and registered with Selective Service. All Americans can applaud such a high statistic and the young men behind it.

It is equally important to point out that not all of these young men register on time. By some measures, less than 60 percent register within the 30-day period required by law. As a result, the high overall compliance rate is achieved through late registrations, spurred by the agency's aggressive compliance programs: computer matching to identify non-registrants, reminder cards, letters and publicity campaigns. These programs are time-consuming and costly. Furthermore, late registrations could hamper the fairness of conscription during a future crisis, if the draft were to be reinstated.

Therefore, it is the duty of every American to participate in the registration program. The task is simple. If you know a young man who is about to turn 18, remind him that within 30 days of that birthday, he must visit the post office and complete the Selective Service registration form. It's quick, it's easy—and it's the law. □

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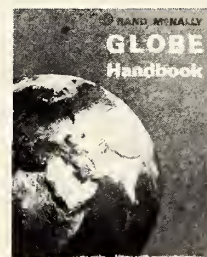
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THE *CHANGING* OF THE *GUARD*



U.S. ARMY RESERVE

Elements of the National Guard, Reserves and active-duty Army regularly team up to build much-needed roads in Honduras.

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DIPLOMACY has failed, and negotiations have crumbled; troops are on the move to a place that could become the first battleground of an all-out war. The accountant and nurse receive their orders by telephone, while the cabbie and construction worker get theirs from a radio broadcast. More than 2 million members of the National Guard and Reserves will soon be checking in with their units, preparing for a trip, possibly to a combat zone.

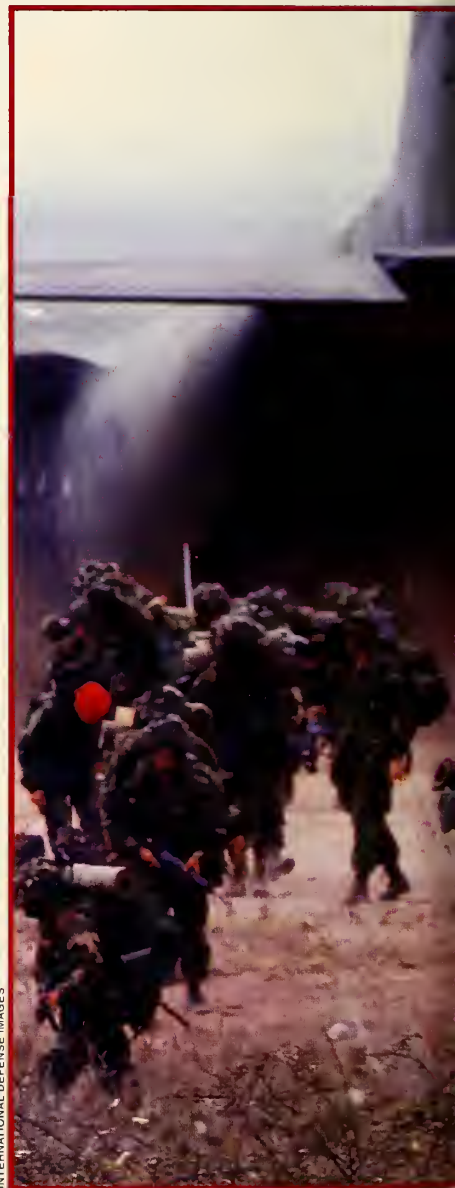
Guardsmen and Reservists must always be prepared for such a scenario. That mission is accomplished through the Total Force policy, which since 1970 has made part-time soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors integral members of the nation's defense force.

"Readiness levels have been achieved to a greater degree today than at any other time in the National Guard's 352-year history," said Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., chief of the National Guard Bureau. "The level of readiness was given more definition when the Total Force Concept was adopted. The Guard is a full partner in the defense of this nation."

Nominally, the Army National Guard serves a dual role as both a state-operated emergency force and as the primary backup for active-duty combat troops. "If America were forced into a war today, nearly half of the troops in combat would be Guardsmen," Temple said.

Guard units comprise 10 of the

COMRADES IN ARMS—Guard units and the Army's 7th Light Infantry trained side by side in Honduras this year.



INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE IMAGES

Army's 28 full-combat divisions. Interspersed throughout are numerous infantry, artillery, armored, aviation and special-operations groups, not to mention specialized combat-support troops in engineering, medical and intelligence units.

The Total Force policy was the result of changed thinking at the Pentagon in the waning days of the Vietnam War, according to Temple. Most of the troops used in that war were raised through the draft, and military planners were looking for a way to maintain the ranks when the draft ended.

"There was a sense of urgency," Temple said.

"There was a need to maintain and train a quality Army of peacetime volunteers, and that included the Guard. It was in every respect a changing of the Guard."

The images and myths about the "weekend warriors" persist: men and women checking in for one weekend each month, sitting in armories watching training films, and for two weeks each summer running around in the woods playing war games. During the years of the draft, the Guard often was viewed as being a sanctuary for those who wanted to avoid active duty and possible combat service, Temple said.

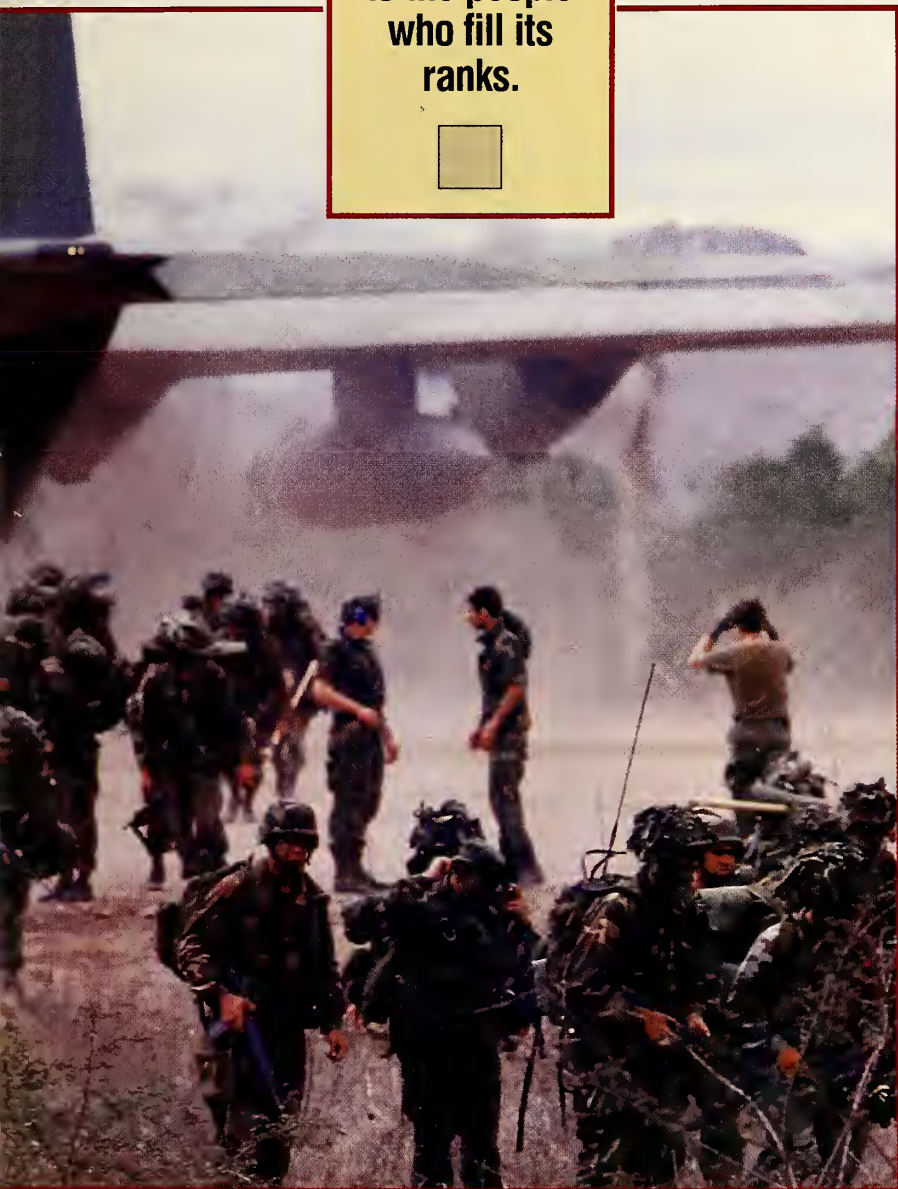
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is the people
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ranks.



"What's hard to change is the perception that the Guard was purely a draft-motivated choice for its members," Temple said. "Also, there was a lot of negativism about the Guard in the aftermath of Kent State."

Today's Guard maintains readiness through realistic and demanding training. Guard members frequently prepare for a federal mission when they join active-duty forces in maneuvers throughout the United States and in simulated combat operations overseas.

In fiscal 1987, about 30,000 Guardsmen in 1,195 units trained overseas. By the end of this year, more than 40,000 Guardsmen will have received training abroad, according to a report by the Association of the United States Army. Guard units meet the same standards as regular Army and Air Force units.



ECONOMIC AIDES—In Panama, Guard engineers mapped and cleared a half-million acres for farming.

Nowhere has the Guard been more visible than in Honduras, where Guard units are regularly deployed. In addition to participating in combat-training exercises, often with Honduran troops, the Guard has played an instrumental role in road-building projects in that rugged tropical country. Guard engineers have been working with other American troops to build roadways and bridges so that Honduran farmers can more easily get their goods to market.

Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer traveled to Honduras last December and observed the Guard during Project Fuertes Caminos 1988. "I believe that the Guard's mission is truly benefiting Honduras and its people," Comer said. "Unfortunately, the work that's being done is perhaps unknown to many Americans. More than just building roads, our troops are building cultural bridges with Honduras."

Guard units also help Hondurans in other ways. Medical specialists often



TEAMWORK—Nat'l Cmdr. Comer said he was impressed with the Total Force policy when he visited Honduras last year during Exercise Fuertes Caminos '88. From left: Col. Bob Castro, West Virginia Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Temple; Comer; Col. John McAlister, U.S. Army Reserve; and Maj. Jack Barnes, U.S. Army.

treat patients in remote villages, and arable areas once covered by dense tropical growth have been turned into new farm land. In Panama, Guard members helped clear nearly 1.2 million acres for farming, and in Ecuador, Guardsmen reopened roads in the aftermath of an earthquake and mud slides.

BUT the deployments, especially to Honduras, have been controversial. Four governors — Rudy Perpich of Minnesota, Madeline Kunin of Vermont, Richard Celeste of Ohio and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts — have been reluctant to let their states' Guard units be used in maneuvers south of the border.

Perpich filed suits in federal court last year, challenging the Montgomery Amendment to the 1987 Defense Authorization Act. The amendment said that no governor can withhold permission for a Guard unit to participate in training because of an objection to the location, purpose or type of training.

The court ruled in favor of the amendment, and the matter now is being pursued in the appellate courts. However, the governors have said that they will comply with the ruling unless and until it is overturned.

"It's a regrettable situation," Temple said, referring to the governors' opposition. "U.S. military forces are in Honduras at the invitation of that govern-

ment. Our presence there has been an economic and humanitarian boon to the people of that country."

But Guard units, which typically train for two weeks each year in Honduras, also demonstrate a U.S. commitment to that country, which borders Nicaragua. "We are carrying out the United States' national-security objectives," Temple said. "We are demonstrating the nation's ability to use

military force if our vital interests are threatened."

The Legion, which supports economic and military aid to democratic Central American nations, long has backed Central American training and maneuvers for all Total Force members. Legionnaires in Seaside, Calif., recently staged a homecoming and dinner for the returning 7th Light Infantry Division of nearby Fort Ord, which was deployed to Honduras in March as a measured response to the presence of Sandinista troops in southern Honduras.

Legion support of the Total Force policy was given teeth at the 1986 national convention in Cincinnati. Delegates to that convention adopted Res. 454, which urged Congress to fully fund Guard and Reserve procurement of modern weapon systems.

Defense experts have estimated that both the Guard and Reserves need as much as \$40 billion worth of new equipment and supplies. According to the National Guard Association of the United States, the Guard has many serious shortages, including modern attack and utility helicopters, air-defense artillery, and wheeled and tracked vehicles.

"A well-trained, well-equipped National Guard is not only necessary as a strong deterrent to war, but also to ensure that we are fully capable of fight-

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HOMEcoming—Paul Miller of Post 121, Watsonville, Calif., welcomes home Maj. Gen. Edwin H. Burba, commander, 7th Light Infantry Division, upon the unit's return from Honduras. The California Legion's "Welcome Home" to the division included food and refreshments provided by Seaside Post 591.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

WHOSE SIDE ARE WE ON?

By Rep. Dan Burton

UNDER the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet Union has publicly signaled a desire for peaceful coexistence in the world community. Despite their cooperative facade, however, the Soviets clearly remain committed to world domination.

One focal point for Soviet aggression in the '80s has been southern Africa. The Soviet strategy here is clear: Encircle militarily powerful South Africa with Soviet client states. From a continent-wide arc of Marxist nations, the Soviet-supported African National Congress could launch a protracted, bloody war against the South African government, possibly leading to a communist regime in that strategic country.

Two building blocks in the Soviet strategy are Angola and Mozambique. Although there are important cultural and political differences between the two countries, the common thread is that the Soviet Union is propping up a communist regime in each. Despite a massive influx of Soviet aid, neither government has been able to contain its opponents, who have gained significant popular support.

Although the Soviet Union has clearly chosen its allies in southern Africa, U.S. policy has been sadly ambivalent at best. The State Department has failed to decisively oppose the Soviet agenda in this strategically important region.

The time has come for the United States to ask a very simple question: Whose side are we on in southern



NEGLECTED ALLY—Have Jonas Savimbi and his UNITA freedom fighters become U.S. bargaining chips in the war in Angola?

Africa? Are we going to support pro-democratic forces there, or are we going to continue the failed policies of the past?

The communist MPLA regime in Angola is fighting a war it cannot win. Last October the freedom fighters of Jonas Savimbi's UNITA defeated a massive onslaught of Soviet- and Cuban-backed government forces, and captured enough Soviet weapons to equip two brigades. UNITA controls more than one-third of the countryside and carries out operations nationwide.

UNITA's strength has led a number of African countries — including Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia — to press the communist MPLA to negotiate with its anti-communist rivals. Unfortunately, despite direct U.S. military aid to UNITA, the State Department has failed to actively support direct negotiations, preferring a regional negotiating strategy that uses UNITA as a bargaining chip.

More than 80 percent of the hard currency Angola uses to purchase Soviet weapons comes from U.S.-based Chevron, which drills for oil there. The State Department never has asked Chevron to leave Angola. It allows the U.S. Export-Import Bank to continue disbursing funds to Chevron for investment in its Angolan facilities, which are guarded by Cuban troops.

The mixed signals being sent by the State Department discourage moderate African nations from recognizing UNITA's legitimacy. The United States must forcefully support Savimbi both diplomatically and militarily if a settlement that ensures both peace and freedom is to be reached in Angola.

The government forces in Mozambique are less politically advanced than UNITA. Although the resistance, known by its Portuguese acronym RENAMO, is militarily effective and has significant popular support, it is isolated diplomatically. One reason for this isolation is the lack of accurate information about what is happening inside the country. Each side has blamed the other for atrocities, many of which have been committed by renegade units from both sides and by bandits taking advantage of the social breakdown.

The State Department is trying to wean the government of Joaquim Chissano away from communism with U.S. aid. Last year the United States gave Chissano \$10 million in economic aid. Also, it was recently revealed that the administration has supplied covert military assistance to Chissano's government for five years, despite a congressional prohibition.

Unfortunately, the idea that a communist government can be coaxed into true democratic reforms is naive. With the exception of a few cosmetic economic reforms, the Mozambican government has remained extremely

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Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana is the ranking minority member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa.



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COVERT OPERATIONS

'SOME THINGS CAN'T BE DONE IN PUBLIC'

Criticized for its failures, yet unable to reveal most successes, the CIA seems to be in a Catch-22 situation. But congressional oversight committees "can vouch for our good work," says CIA Director William H. Webster.

American Legion Magazine: Have congressional restrictions arising from the Iran-Contra investigation seriously weakened the CIA and its operations abroad?

William Webster: Not so far. But there are several unnecessary proposals that would raise serious questions from our foreign counterparts and others who count on us to protect their confidentiality. I have given testimony on my views to various committees of Congress. I hope that these proposals will be substantially improved before they are passed, insofar as they concern our ability to function.

I don't think that the Iran-Contra investigation has resulted in changes that make it impossible for us to do our job. You have to remember that the CIA was not the principal focus of attention in that investigation — the National Security Council was, and its activities involved some members of the CIA. The rules that we have are good rules, and we continue to follow them scrupulously.

Q: So no major changes need to be made?

A: No. But we adopted several new procedures that are designed to better guide our officers in the field and at headquarters. Among them are clearer rules for congressional testimony and the reorganization of the inspector general's office. I think that these new procedures will increase the trust between Congress and the CIA. With that increased trust will come a better working relationship.

Q: It has been said that you can have either covert operations or congressional oversight, but not both. Is that true?

A: I don't think it is true that congressional oversight means that we cannot conduct covert activity. Congressional oversight can be very useful to us. If a covert action doesn't make sense to the representatives of the American people, it is very likely not going to make sense to the American people

when it becomes public — and that is where we've gotten into trouble in the past.

This doesn't mean that Congress tells us what to do or how to do it, but the oversight committees do have a consultative role. I think that we can work with them.

Q: Are you worried about leaks on Capitol Hill?

A: The more people who have to know about an operation, the more likely it is that there are going to be disclosures. Details on covert action and the identities of sources can be protected from normal congressional oversight. The intelligence committees' chairmen and vice chairmen have been quite helpful in keeping questions on those sensitive areas from becoming issues between us.

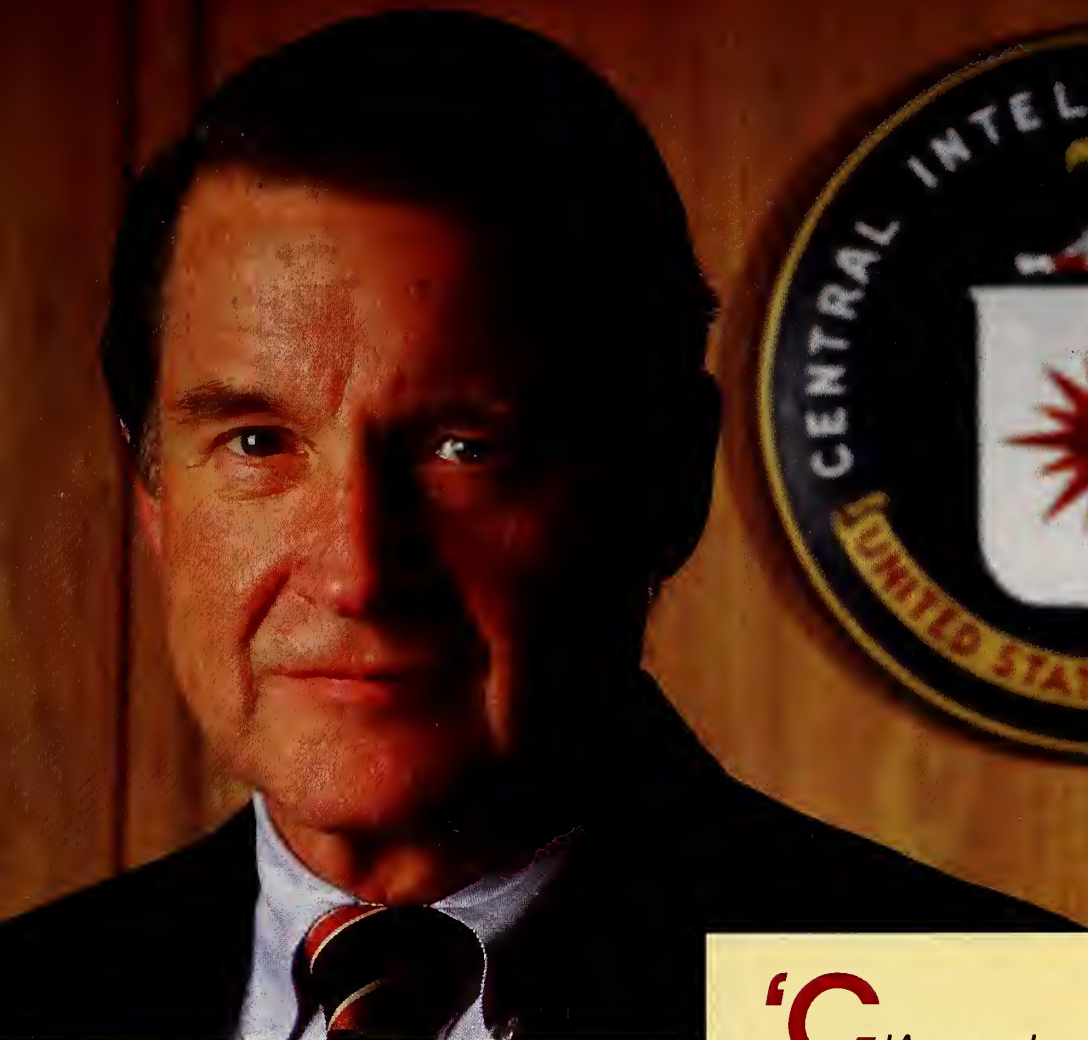
Q: Do you think covert operations are essential to U.S. security and interests?

A: Covert action is essential. Every president since Franklin Roosevelt has used it.

I want to emphasize that covert action represents less than 3 percent of our resources. But when we are called on to help an insurgent group that is seeking democratic progress in another country, or to protect a friendly country from hostile insurgent activities, it often is important that the role of the United States not be publicly known or acknowledged. Unless we are able to conduct covert operations, we cannot implement the foreign policy of this country on behalf of the insurgent movements and countries that we support.

Q: How can those operations be controlled so as to assure the public that they are in our interest and in accordance with our laws?

A: That's where the oversight committees come in. They are the surrogates for the American people and for the rest of Congress. We share important information with those committees; they then certify to Congress and the American



William H. Webster, a former director of the FBI, became director of the Central Intelligence Agency in May 1987.

people that we are doing what we should be doing, according to our Constitution.

Q: Are you concerned about CIA abuse of its powers?

A: I am not concerned about it, because I think it's very clear that we are conducting our work in accordance with our Constitution and our laws. Now, our laws don't follow us around the world, and we have to give some agents some flexibility. But those agents understand that everything they do must be in accordance with U.S. laws, executive orders and national-security directives.

Q: Why are people so afraid of covert operations?

A: Many people are afraid that any agency that conducts secret operations will do things that the public would not want it to do. It's a normal democratic suspicion of anything that is not open. But some things simply cannot be done in public, and collecting intelligence is one of them.

Q: The CIA has been called our front-line defense against the Soviet Union's undeclared war on America and other democracies. How is the CIA meeting this onslaught?

A: You are primarily talking about counterintelligence when you ask the question in that way. I think that the FBI has done an outstanding job of recognizing and dealing with hostile intelligence officers in this country. It is unfortunate that every time there is a successful counterintelligence

'CIA agents understand that everything they do must be in accordance with U.S. laws, orders and directives. **']**

effort, people wonder why it wasn't done sooner.

Around the world, the Soviets are seeking information from our embassies, our intelligence agencies and our military. It is our job, and that of the whole intelligence community, to provide greater protection for those who are defending our national security.

There is room for improvement. There have been some significant successes and some significant failures. The breach of security at our Moscow embassy is one of those failures. I have already reorganized our counterintelligence program for greater effectiveness and will support the counterintelligence work of the entire intelligence community.

Q: How is the CIA doing in combating terrorism?

A: The CIA has an effective counterterrorism center. We have had some significant successes that we cannot talk about, for obvious reasons, and I am satisfied that we are going about it in the right way.

Q: Is terrorism increasing or decreasing?

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T 3:30 in the morning on May 20, 1985, John A. Walker Jr. left his room on the seventh floor of the Ramada Inn in Rockville, Md., and headed down the long hall toward the elevator. He had gone only a few steps when two men jumped out of the shadows.

"FBI. Stop," said agent Robert Hunter. Both he and his partner, James Koluch, had their revolvers drawn.

Walker raised his .38 and turned toward the agents. "Drop your weapon," Hunter warned.

They were five yards apart. Walker hesitated, then let his gun fall to the carpet. Koluch slammed him against the wall.

"You're under arrest," said Hunter, "for violation of the espionage laws of the United States."

And when Walker's hands were cuffed behind his back, Koluch, angry and frustrated, ripped off the toupee of the former Navy communications specialist who had betrayed his country.

John Walker, a former chief petty officer who had served at top-secret submarine command posts in Norfolk, Va., and was in charge of the code rooms aboard nuclear submarines, had also recruited his brother, Arthur, a former Navy lieutenant commander and specialist in submarine warfare; his son, Michael, a sailor on board the *U.S.S. Nimitz*; and his best friend, Jerry Whitworth, a communications officer who had served at such top-secret commands as the Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean.

Besides manipulating his agents, Walker had circled the globe for the KGB, meeting with his Soviet handlers in the alleys of the Casbah in Casablanca, in the icy winter streets of Vienna, in department stores in Washington and in the woods of suburban Virginia. He had delivered plastic garbage bags filled with top-secret documents to his KGB contacts; in return, he had received packages stuffed with thick stacks of used \$50 bills.

This ring still would be spying on this country if John Walker's wife had not finally decided to turn in her husband. Yet this family drama—the stuff of soap

*This article by Howard Blum is based on his book, **I Pledge Allegiance... The True Story of the Walkers, an American Spy Family.***

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ALLEGIANCE...

The Walker spy ring was the most damaging espionage operation ever conducted in the United States by the KGB. What worries experts now is that it could happen again.

By Howard Blum

operas, announced *People* magazine—rapidly became only a secondary concern. The backbeaters' damage assessment proceeded to a chilling conclusion: The Walker ring was the most effective spy operation that the KGB had ever run in this country.

"If I had access to it," John Walker arrogantly told the intelligence agents who interrogated him after his arrest, "color it gone." After months of analysis, Navy officials could only agree with this shocking boast. For 17 years Walker had provided the KGB with cryptographic key lists that allowed the Soviets to decode all of our secret military communications. One admiral described the grim situation with a folksy analogy: "We were playing poker day in and day out with the Russians, only we didn't know they were able to see our cards."

BUT the director of naval intelligence, Rear Adm. William Studeman, assessed it more bluntly: The Walker ring had "powerful war-winning implications for the Soviet side."

Now that the ring is in prison, military officials estimate that it will cost U.S. taxpayers *more than a quarter of a billion dollars* to rectify the damage. Consider the expensive tasks facing the Navy and the National Security Agency:

- All of our military codes will have to be replaced. This will take at least

four years to complete. However, since the Soviets have been able to analyze the mathematical structure of our ciphers for 17 years, cryptologists doubt that even our new codes will be unbreakable.

- Our entire Atlantic Coast hydrophone system will have to be scrapped and a new network installed. This underwater-microphone system, which was used to detect Soviet submarines, was betrayed to the KGB by Walker.

- A new class of "silent" attack submarines will have to be built to compete with the Soviet Alfa-class submarines. Thanks to the technological secrets stolen by the Walkers, these Soviet subs are fast enough to outmaneuver even the newest U.S. Mark 48 torpedoes.

- The Atlantic Fleet's battle plans and submarine-warfare procedures must be reworked, since Walker handed the old plans to the Soviets.

However, the Walker ring did not simply cost dollars; it also cost lives. During the Vietnam War, naval pilots flew into waiting enemy fire, which had been effectively positioned because the North Vietnamese knew the precise time and place of our "surprise" attacks. We now understand why this was possible: The Soviets had decoded our battle communications and passed the information on to their allies.

But there was another aspect to the case, one that U.S. intelligence experts found almost as troubling as the wide-



WE WERE playing poker with the Russians, only we didn't know they were able to see our cards.

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spread penetration of military secrets—just how easy it was for the Walker ring to get away with its spying for 17 years.

Consider these facts:

John Walker was able to make photocopies of top-secret cryptographic key lists, put them in his back pocket and carry them out of command posts. There were no guards at the photocopy machines, and no one searched him as he left his post each day.

As for the effectiveness of the Naval Investigative Service's background checks, Walker's teen-age criminal record went undetected when he was

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TRAITORS ALL—From left, clockwise, are Michael Walker, Arthur Walker, Jerry Whitworth and ringleader John Walker, whose turncoat exploits compromised the nation's top secret submarine operations and technology.

MARK ATKINSON

Putting The Gold Into THE GOLDEN YEARS

Average Americans who retire today can expect to live another 20 years. Early planning will determine whether they are able to enjoy a worry-free, happy and healthy retirement.

By Steve Salerno

MOST of us see it as the final glorious chapter of the American Dream: We pay off the house, watch the kids settle into productive lives, retire and live happily ever after.

"It would be wonderful if it were that easy," Art Linkletter, who writes and lectures on the finer points of senior living, told an audience of pre-retirees recently. "Unfortunately, it's not. A rewarding retirement takes work—work in the form of sound, healthy planning."

Linkletter and other experts of like mind do not mean to say that you should sit down with pad and pencil on the night you collect your gold watch. As personal-finance author Andrew Tobias put it, "Today is not too soon to plan for retirement, no matter what your age."

Planning involves asking—and being able to answer—certain questions. When will I be able to afford to retire? Where do I want to live after I retire? What are my goals in life? For those who are already of retirement age, planning also involves asking a less obvious

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question: Do you really want to quit working right now?

The last question may be the most important, because today's typical retiree will spend more than two decades in retirement. "We've been given a great gift by science," said Linkletter, referring to the jump in longevity in this century, "but it's no good if you don't know what to do with it."

The consensus is that before you take the leap, you should compose a list ranking the relative importance of various items, including money, status, power, camaraderie, continued education, free time, personal growth and philanthropy. If your list of priorities is weighted toward the first few items, you are likely to feel restless and unfulfilled in retirement.

Don't assume that it's time to retire simply because you've reached a certain age. Gerontologists classify seniors in two categories: the "young old" (65 to 74) and the "old old" (75 and up). Often, the major deteriorations associated with aging do not occur until you reach the second category, and many people in that category still perform at a high level. For example, Armand Hammer, the globe-trotting philanthropist and mediator, is in

his ninth decade, and Rep. Claude Pepper effectively champions the causes of seniors at age 87. In fact, there are more than 1 million full-time workers beyond the age of 70, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects an additional 250,000 senior workers to join the labor force by the end of the decade.

Contemporary law recognizes this trend. There no longer is a minimum mandatory retirement age in the private sector, and for the great majority of federal employees, forced retirement has been abolished.

In 1987, with some exceptions, health plans of companies with 20 or more employees were required to provide health-care benefits for up to 18 months after a worker retired, if the worker chose that program, and to allow pension credits to continue to accrue for workers

who have passed the traditional top age of 65.

Despite all of this, the average worker is retiring earlier nowadays. One major study found that the median retirement age is just 58, a drop of nearly two years in the past decade alone.

If you decide to join the club, you should begin, two or three months before

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RETIREMENT JOYS—*Precious are the moments spent in sharing the wisdom of years with the youngsters we love.*

actually retiring, by filling out claim form SSA-7004 at your local Social Security Administration office. Bring copies of your tax returns for the past two years and a birth certificate, advised SSA's Leonard Sandler, "because we don't just take your word that you're 65."

IF YOU'VE been unemployed for a period before retirement, you're still entitled to benefits, but there will be a pro-rata deduction for the missing period of work, just as there will be a deduction for any years in which you paid no Social Security taxes. Accordingly, Sandler suggests that you write the SSA at least a year ahead to get a copy of your earnings history. You may contact the administration at any time during your working career to obtain an estimate of your retirement benefits. (Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD 21235.)

"Often, there will be gaps in your earnings record where employers for some reason did not report or reported incorrect amounts," Sandler said. "You'll want to clear that up ahead of time in order to get the maximum amount you deserve." Since the SSA had no formal procedure for tracking the earnings of America's military personnel before 1956, people who served

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RETIREMENT

An interview with Dr. Joyce Brothers

THE major pitfall for the retiring man is becoming a non-person," said Dr. Joyce Brothers. "And he doesn't expect it."

Brothers said that after a lifetime of having their daily routines shaped by a combination of "happenstance" and "the needs of others," most men—who are far more susceptible to the "retirement blues" than women are—look forward to retirement as a time when they can finally fulfill some dreams of their own. The problem is that the average man's self-image is strongly associated with his career status and achievements.

That kind of thinking—that you have somehow left the best part of yourself behind—can sabotage your attempts to adjust to retired life, said Brothers. She advises men not to be defensive about the more-casual activities they may adopt in retirement: "Recognize that your career was simply a stage in life, not life itself."

The psychologist offered another warning: Never move to a new location after retirement unless you've already vacationed there for a while. By "a while," Brothers means at least a month. She said she feels that it's impossible for the weekend tourist to grasp an area's true rhythms and flavor, and moving to a place that proves to be very different from your expectations can be disastrous for your mental health.

On an upbeat note, Brothers punctured the ominous myth that retirement is a prelude to death. "What really happens," she explained, "is that these days, many people don't retire until they're forced to do so for health reasons. So naturally, those people are more likely to die relatively soon after retirement." However, she noted, if you're in good health to begin with, and if you've made the proper plans for retirement, "you can actually expect to live longer than if you'd continued working."

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before then should bring discharge papers with them so that those years can be factored into the equation.

At present, \$838 per month is the top benefit for a 65-year-old who always has paid the maximum Social Security contribution. Should you choose early retirement at age 62, expect to suffer a penalty of about 20 percent. At the time you apply for Social Security, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare (which may affect other health benefits, so check with your employer first). Health benefits also are available to people of any age who have been on full disability pensions for the past two

consecutive years.

It is up to you to determine how much your retirement lifestyle will cost and, thus, how much income you will need to supplement your Social Security check. Some general guidelines:

- Retirement usually means healthy savings in transportation costs, since commuting is eliminated. However, those economies can be more than offset by the impulsive jaunts that many people take during the early euphoria of retirement. Similarly, because people tend to eat less as they age, food costs often drop after retirement, but they can skyrocket just as easily if your idea of retired life is eating out three or four nights a week.

- Since retirees no longer have to look sharp in an office environment, clothing should command less of the budget. The notable exceptions are former uniformed employees, who must go out and assemble more-comprehensive wardrobes.

- Housing costs are an additional bright spot. About four-fifths of all Americans over 55 own their homes, half of them outright. The tax burden undoubtedly will ease as well; nearly 75 percent of those over 65 pay no federal taxes at all.

- Utility bills doubtless will increase with inflation. You might reduce heating costs by moving to a warmer climate, but the central air conditioning that you decided you'd need for "the few really warm days" can generate electric bills that more than gobble up the savings.

THE most sobering concern for seniors is health costs. "Don't kid yourself about the protection afforded by Medicare," Sandler cautioned. Studies show that Medicare covers only about half the medical expenses of the typical retired couple. A good "medi-gap" policy is a necessity if you want to avoid calamitous bills.

On the other hand, feel free to ignore the horror stories about the Social Security well running dry. A 1988 enrollee in Social Security and Medicare can look forward to collecting roughly three times what he paid into the fund.

Granted, the SSA expects future benefits to be somewhat less generous. This is already the case for military pensioners. A revamped formula that affects people who enlisted after August 1986 cuts the top rate for those with 20 years of service to 40 percent of

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HOW SAFE IS YOUR PENSION?

AFTER more than 20 years with a well-known East Coast aerospace firm, Frank looked forward to a happy retirement and a hefty pension. He did not anticipate that the company would declare bankruptcy and dissolve, only to move its senior management south and start up again under a different name. To the day he died, Frank never quite recovered from the feeling that somehow, he had let his family down. I can attest to this, for Frank was my father.

There has been much legislative wrangling over the vesting of pension benefits. At present, such benefits become vested, or guaranteed, after 10 years of service to an employer. A new formula that will take effect in 1989 can provide 100 percent vesting after only five years of full-time employment. But my father's tragedy raises a compelling question—one that is, sadly, far from hypothetical in today's shaky economy. What happens if your supposedly vested pension benefits aren't there when it's time to collect?

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. was created 14 years ago to come to the rescue when private pension plans default. Since then, almost 1,400 such plans have failed. About 200,000 retirees now get their pension benefits directly from the PBGC insurance fund, and waiting in the wings are an additional 200,000 workers who apparently will be "orphaned" by their companies' pension plans.

But the PBGC is not a panacea. It does not cover the bonus payments

that an increasing number of firms are offering in the hope of inducing early retirement, nor does it cover pension checks that exceed the PBGC's current ceiling of \$1,857 a month. Although health benefits are covered by separate legislation, that coverage is designed to remain in effect only as long as the company is in business. Thus, when a company folds, it frequently takes its retirees' "guaranteed lifetime" medical coverage down with it.

The worst news? At its current rate of depletion, the PBGC fund will itself go bust around 2000.

These pension woes have spawned a number of innovative, theoretically safer arrangements. Many employers that do not provide retirement benefits offer profit-sharing. Also popular these days are 401(k) plans, wherein employees make their own contributions and the company simply manages the fund. In such cases, the money is maintained in a trust separate from the company's books.

Still, if there is no profit to be shared—or if, as in the case of many 401(k)s, the company simply reinvests the money in its own stock—retirees can once again be left holding an empty bag.

Overall, perhaps the smartest option may be to take your pension in a lump-sum payment, if you have that option. Keep things in perspective, however. More than 97 percent of American pension plans are solvent, so the odds remain overwhelmingly in your favor.



COMSTOCK

STILL ABLE—Many Americans choose to remain on the job beyond retirement age for the sense of worth that work engenders.

WHY RETIRE AT ALL?

By Jay Stuller

GEORGE Burns is still cracking jokes after all these years. At the age of 90, Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corp., is still cracking the heads of would-be successors. Call them role models, because to a growing number of "youngsters" in their 60s, the notion of staying on the job has become quite attractive.

As University of Texas psychology Professor Richard Mowseian wrote in his recent book *Golden Goals, Rusted Realities*, "People gain their identities, maintain their sense of self-worth and experience their life satisfactions through work."

Mowseian questions mandatory corporate retirement programs and a social system devised in much different times (during the Great Depression) for different circumstances. When America had a fast-growing population, automatic retirement at age 62 or 65 made it easy for corporations and government to move out older workers, making way for the new. But Mowseian believes that most workers were forced to retire "while still able to function productively."

However, the barrier of mandatory

retirement is beginning to topple for those who want to work. In addition, major demographic and social trends are converging, trends that will compel corporations to offer incentives to retain older workers and prevent future generations from retiring even if they want to.

America already is facing a scarcity of labor, skilled and otherwise. Electric Boat Co. in Groton, Conn., which builds the Navy's Trident submarines, is waging a cutthroat battle with about 50 other local companies for skilled craftsmen. When a nearby plant laid off 97 workers, Electric Boat tried to hire 30 of the machinists but could sign only two. Craftsmen of all ages are in demand.

ALSO, Martin's Super Markets of South Bend, Ind., is hiring retirees to drive delivery vans, and The Travelers Corp. insurance company frequently uses its retirees as temporary help. Good new help is just not available.

A failing education system is partly to blame; 500,000 students drop out of high school each year, while 700,000 graduates can barely read a job application. But lower population

growth, which also threatens the Social Security system, is the major factor. Experts say that by 2020, when the number of Americans 65 and older will double, some federal benefits may be eliminated.

Even now, private pension plans are being cut back. When Armstrong Rubber Co. sold its plant in Mississippi, workers were forced to accept pension reductions in order to save their jobs. Job-hopping and divorce also make retirement packages less secure. Said Loretta Sanders, a recently divorced Cleveland secretary who, at the age of 46, is just beginning to build a pension, "I'll probably have to work for the next 100 years in order to survive."

Ohio State University Professor Keith Kilty argued that by 2000, "people probably won't even be able to retire at all." This would be just fine for those who want to stay in the saddle, at least part-time. According to David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, work is "the most dignified thing in the life of man."

Ideally, of course, retirement should be a matter of choice. But it's an option that future generations simply may not have. □



SKILLFUL—Reagan almost turned the summit into a human-rights debate.

THE MOSCOW SUMMIT AND BEYOND

Gorbachev views arms control as a way to improve relations with the West. He hopes a Cold War thaw will result in U.S. credit to finance a sagging Soviet economy.

By Richard N. Perle

CONTRARY to Mikhail Gorbachev's desire and expectation, the Moscow summit had little to do with the Kremlin's favorite agenda item: arms control. It was, rather, largely about human rights, and about the relationships among individual liberty, creativity, and political and economic systems.

That's the way Ronald Reagan wanted it.

It was clear during the three days the

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President spent in Moscow that he had decided to intervene in Soviet internal affairs by promoting Gorbachev's political fortunes. At the same time, he seemed to be intent on persuading Gorbachev that the remedy for Soviet stagnation and decay is a free market, along with the free institutions that a free market inspires.

That's not the way Mikhail Gorbachev wanted it.

Gorbachev knows that the Soviet Union is failing as a superpower. Soviet infant mortality is rising, and Soviet life expectancy is falling. The average height of the population is declining — a sure sign of inadequate nutrition. The Soviet Union lags well behind South Korea and Singapore in the sophistication of its industrial base. With the single, crucial exception of advanced weapon systems, which the Soviets produce with considerable skill, the economy is a monumental failure.

The condition of the Soviet economy explains Gorbachev's risky reform efforts. If he is to benefit from the heightened expectations that those reform efforts have created, he will have to find a way to improve the lot of the Soviet consumer. In order to do this, he will have to import goods from the West; there simply is no way that the Soviet economy can be quickly reoriented away from the production of capital goods and military hardware. But the Soviet Union will need Western credit to finance imports — hence Gorbachev's interest in improving relations with the United States.

Gorbachev hopes that new arms-control agreements will produce the sort of change that might start Western credit flowing. However, he wants those agreements to be on his terms. Clearly, he hoped to advance toward his principal arms-control goals during the Moscow summit; fortunately for Western security, he was disappointed.

Three of those arms-control goals are:

- Keeping mobile missiles that the United States believes should be banned.
- Restricting sea-launched cruise missiles, which the Navy needs for fleet defense.
- Restricting the development and testing of strategic defense systems to an extent that would kill the Strategic Defense Initiative program.

The United States should continue to say no to those concessions.

Our intelligence organizations know of no reliable way to detect concealed mobile missiles if the Soviets wish to place them in inactive storage. So this spring, when the administration was defending the controversial verification provisions of the INF Treaty, it conceded that prohibiting the testing of intermediate mobile missiles was the key to verification. After all, administration spokesmen argued, even if we can't find hidden mobile missiles, we can detect missile tests, and if the Soviets can't test those missiles, they soon will become militarily useless.

But a strategic arms treaty that permitted mobile missiles would necessarily



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MOSCOW NIGHTS — *The leaders of the world's military powers join their wives before attending the state dinner.*

allow their testing. The key provision of the INF Treaty would not discourage the Soviets from hiding mobile ICBMs. A testing program could be used to validate the illegal missiles as well as the legal ones.

The simplest way to deal with the problem that mobile intercontinental missiles pose is to ban them, since the United States would have a reasonable chance of detecting a violation of such a ban.

For many years, the Navy has installed multipurpose weapon launchers on its warships and submarines. These launchers can unleash a variety of weapons, including torpedoes, depth charges, anti-aircraft missiles and cruise missiles. While there are a few sea-launched nuclear weapons aboard our ships, most of the Navy's weapons, including 80 percent of its cruise missiles, are non-nuclear.

The Soviets understand that these launchers are essential to the Navy's effectiveness. They have proposed several restrictions on sea-launched cruise

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IN THE three years since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in the Soviet Union, there has been no visible improvement in the consumer economy — the standard by which most Soviet citizens judge their government. Every day 1 million Soviets visit Moscow, their pockets full of rubles, in the hope that they will find something to buy. Massive inflation has been hidden in the long lines that form whenever something is placed on sale.

In the showcase Moscow department store GUM, I watched more than a hundred shoppers descend like a swarm of bees on a counter at which chocolates were on sale. An umbrella that one might buy at K mart for \$3.95 was \$45 — two days' wages — at GUM. The cheapest color television set costs two months' pay.

Apart from the Moscow tourist

hotels and the hard-currency stores for visitors and the privileged few, shoppers look in vain for sugar. It's going into Soviet bathtubs in huge quantities for making vodka, which has been rationed as part of Gorbachev's campaign against alcoholism.

In order to breathe life into a moribund economic and political system, Gorbachev has to begin to reward performance — in the factories, universities, government departments, research establishments and so on. But rewarding performance instead of party position will create opportunities for Soviet citizens to achieve wealth, power and influence outside the structure of the Communist Party. No communist state has been able to permit that and still preserve the monopoly of power under which the few decide for the many.

SAFEGUARDING

AMERICA'S SECRETS

During the past two decades, many of the nation's top secrets have been passed to our enemies due to leaks, carelessness, traitors and spies. What has happened to America's internal security?

By Joseph D. Douglass Jr.

LOOSE lips sink ships," the well-known security slogan of World War II, was designed to remind all of us that security and secrecy are inseparable. Today, there is serious concern about the lack of both.

Over the past 10 years, our nation's most sensitive secrets—"code-word" documents—have routinely been taken from secure areas, left unattended in unauthorized areas, sold to the Soviet Union, leaked to the press and even handed out by congressional committees. American military technology has been sold by industrialists of all countries or, when security-conscious officials stopped direct sales, stolen by Eastern-bloc intelligence agents.

A major breach of security came in 1978, when CIA officer William Kampiles sold the Soviet Union U.S. national-security information, including the technical manual for the KH-11 reconnaissance satellite. This was our newest, most advanced intelligence satellite, the one that we depended on most to verify Soviet compliance with

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BUGS GALORE—The new U.S. embassy in Moscow, still under construction, will probably be demolished because of listening devices planted by Soviet workers.

arms-control agreements, since it could transmit detailed pictures. The sale represented not only a very serious compromise of an important intelligence system, but also the transfer of billions of dollars' worth of technology. Kampiles sold it for a few thousand dollars.

As shocking as this loss was, a bigger shock came during the preparation for the trial: The CIA could not account for 13 other KH-11 manuals. Professionals who are familiar with the normal procedure for protecting these manuals were flabbergasted. How could internal CIA security be so lax?

The national-security community was just getting over the Kampiles embarrassment when even more serious intelligence compromises were uncovered, almost by accident. These were the Walker-Whitworth and Pelton cases.

From 1968 until his arrest in 1985, John Walker ran a spy ring inside the U.S. Navy. The ring included his son; his brother; and a friend, Jerry Whitworth. The four men sold cryptographic information that enabled the KGB to decode millions of sensitive naval

transmissions, including operations orders. The loss of these secrets would have been disastrous to the United States in the event of war. They also compromised sensitive information on naval covert actions, counterintelligence and submarine-warfare technology.

Even before the implications of the Walker ring's treachery had been determined, another case emerged. U.S. officials learned that National Security Agency communications specialist Ronald Pelton had given the Soviets priceless information on communications systems, including the special electronic pods that had been attached to underwater Soviet military-communications cables.

THE importance of this information has been compared with that of the Ultra intercepts of World War II, whose existence was kept secret for more than 30 years. The information that Pelton gave the Soviets was worth billions of dollars. He sold it for \$35,000.

Did the Soviets understand what they had? Uncertain of the answer, the Navy planned to tap other Soviet submarine

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cables. But before the Navy could carry out its plan, new details on Pelton's disclosures turned up in print. According to a 1987 *Insight* article by Edward Jay Epstein, former CIA director Stansfield Turner allegedly gave Bob Woodward of the *Washington Post* additional details

on the electronic pods. The publication of this information ensured Soviet understanding of the significance of Pelton's material.

The manner in which high-level U.S. officials routinely compromise classified information is very disturbing. As intelligence specialist Ammon Katz explained, "The ship of state is the only ship that leaks at the top."

There was, for example, a deliberate leak of information on Stealth technology and revised U.S. nuclear strategy toward the end of the Carter administration. More recently, there was a scandal at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency: Hundreds of pages of code-word material that should have been in a special vault were discovered on an agency employee's desk and in his office safe. Rep. Robert K. Dornan of California has called for an FBI investi-

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SMALL CHANGE

By Phyllis Zauner

EVERY so often, you may find in your mail a brochure lavishly illustrated with color photos of mint-bright coins, and with a headline claiming that the profit in collecting coins is as bright as the metal in them.

"Put your money in coins!" urge dealers and some investment oracles. The annual investment reports of New York City-based Salomon Brothers show that coins are outperforming other investments ranging from stocks to Chinese ceramics and paintings by the old masters.

Need more incentive? Enthusiasts cite value increases such as these:

- From 1954 to 1988, the price of a mint-condition 1875-CC 20-cent piece rose from \$20 to \$5,700.
- In the late 1960s, an uncirculated 1905 Indian Head penny in top condition sold for \$9; today it sells for \$490.
- And in New York City last April, an 1873-CC Seated Liberty quarter changed hands at auction for \$80,000.

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It sounds wonderful. But savvy coin buyers know it's a fact of economic life that coins, like all investments, go down as well as up. Sometimes, they go nowhere.

As investments, coins carry many risks. Hairline scratches, abrasions and the manner in which a coin was struck can make a big difference in value. "Consider the example of two different specimens of a 1945 Philadelphia Mint Mercury dime," said coin expert Q. David Bowers. "Both dimes may be graded Mint State 65 [a top grade], but one exhibits average strike and is worth \$50, according to *The Coin Dealer Newsletter*. The other dime was sharply struck, showing full split bands on the reverse; it commands a market value of \$2,100."

An adage in the field is "Buy the book before you buy the coin." There is no substitute for knowledge, whether you gain it at coin clubs, from veteran collectors or from a book.

The world of coin collecting is divided into two distinct markets,

according to the weekly newspaper *Coin World*. "One is the investor who views coins as commodities," said Keith Zaner, editor of the newspaper's "Trends" section. "The mainstay of his portfolio usually is Morgan silver dollars of high quality but common dates. A few years ago, such coins would astound auction audiences with phenomenal hammer prices. Now this market is extremely soft. Coins offered for sale are neither rare nor much in demand by experienced buyers."

"The collector, unlike the investor, studies his coins and the many varieties discovered by other collectors, and tries to learn exactly how rare proffered coins are," he said. "The coins he buys are very much in demand. Prices are rising, and rare coins are appreciating fastest."

The collector finds that numismatics is more than just an investment. His fascination with coins far transcends their trading value. He relishes the beauty of an unusually well-struck Buffalo nickel with needle-sharp detail. He is fascinated by the multicolor patina that some silver dollars acquire. Sometimes he even is intrigued by minting errors such as the doubled-die Lincoln penny.

There's more that charms him. He cannot look at a coin without imagining the historical events in which it may have been involved. This silver Roman coin bearing the profile of Augustus—

did Judas hold it in his hand, along with 29 others? And this early American half-cent—did it help buy food for some soldier after his return from Bunker Hill?

Then there's the thrill of the hunt. Tracking down an elusive missing link in the mintage chain could take years.

The dedication of some collectors is astonishing. Twenty-five-year-old Michael Mahon of Framingham, Mass., dreamed of owning a rare 1969-S doubled-die Lincoln cent. Last January his dream came true when

another collector sold him one for \$7,255—an amount that he raised almost entirely by recycling aluminum cans. He collected 144,500 cans over a 264-day period, in weather that

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SUPERB QUALITY—Investors learn early that a coin's value is determined by its condition and rarity.

included rain, sleet, snow and temperatures ranging from -7 to 120 degrees. "It was a marathon of hope," he said.

It's a hobby that collectors admit can become an obsession. But the other side of the coin is profit, and few collectors are so wrapped up in the aesthetics of their hobby that they fail to appreciate it.

NUMISMATIC journalist Bob Lemke put it bluntly: "I don't know why it should be crass for a numismatist to admit that he is making a bundle of money on his pastime. As much as I love the aesthetic and historical aspects of coins, I'm in numismatics for the money."

Lemke has reason to appreciate his astute coin purchases every time he walks through his front door. To buy his home, he sold enough coins to make the down payment. "On most coins, I made a decent profit," he said. "On a few, I made almost-obscene profits."

To appreciate the profit potential in coins, it's important to recognize that there are 5 million collectors in the United States today, whereas in the 1860s, fewer than 100 people considered themselves to be numismatists. The law of supply and demand has driven the price of rare coins to astronomical levels. But coins that the average collector can afford also have made substantial gains.

Coin World's Zaner said that during
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The Legion has wasted little time in turning Res. 34 into legislation on Capitol Hill. Passed by the NEC in May, Res. 34 has already become H.R. 5039, the Veterans Reassurance Act, which was introduced in Congress on July 13 by Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and Rep. Gerald B. Solomon of New York, the committee's ranking minority member. The bill was "introduced by request," which means that neither Montgomery nor Solomon necessarily supports the measure. However, Rep. Bob McEwen of Ohio is a co-sponsor of the bill.

H.R. 5039, written by the Legion, contains every item addressed in Res. 34. Both reaffirm veterans' right to appeal and establish provisions that would improve the VA claims process.

Among the bill's proposed amendments to Title 38, U.S. Code, are:

- To increase the maximum fees for attorneys representing veterans in VA claims cases. The new fees would be set at \$500 or 25 percent of the claims for certain cases, and a maximum of \$750 or 25 percent for other cases.
- To establish a Board of Veterans Appeals with broader authority to make decisions without having to adhere to VA policies and precedents.
- To reaffirm the existing right of veterans to limited judicial review in cases involving the validity of VA regulations or other constitutional issues.
- To limit the legal liability of organizations or accredited representatives of organizations who assist veterans in preparing and presenting VA claims.

The House Veterans Affairs Committee has scheduled a hearing on the bill for Sept. 8.

Although President Reagan will sign the legislation that elevates the VA to Cabinet status, it will be the next President who will actually nominate the nation's first secretary of veterans' affairs. At press time, a conference committee was ironing out minor differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation. The Senate approved S. 533 by a vote of 84-11 on July 12.

The bill, which was expected to be ready for the President's signature by fall, calls for the appointment to be made no earlier than Jan. 21, 1989. An amendment by Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska would have permitted the immediate nomination of the veterans'-affairs secretary, but the Senate rejected that amendment.

A federal clearinghouse has been established for the 200,000 veterans who participated in nuclear tests from 1945 to 1962 or who served during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Defense Nuclear Agency recently began handling all matters for the DoD's Nuclear Test Personnel Review, a program formerly administered by the military services.

The NTPR program provides information on radiation-

exposure claims to the VA. The VA must request DNA confirmation of veterans' participation in the atomic tests or duty tours in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the one-year period after the atomic bombs were dropped. The VA also must go to DNA to verify the service of veterans who are seeking treatment for radiation diseases.

Veterans who believe that they were exposed to radiation should contact the DNA to be placed on the NTPR data-base mailing list. The DNA researches veterans' roles in the tests, and offers information on unit histories, personal radiation-exposure data and other nuclear-test studies.

Write to the Defense Nuclear Agency, Attention: RARP-NTPR, Washington, DC 20305-1000, or call collect (703) 285-5610.

Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange will begin receiving part of about \$240 million during the next few months. U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein of New York called for the distribution of the funds after the Supreme Court removed the last legal roadblock to an out-of-court settlement by seven manufacturers of the herbicide.

The suit was settled in May 1984, but distribution of the funds has been delayed by appeals. Since that time, the settlement fund has grown from \$180 million to \$240 million.

The money will be distributed to eligible Vietnam veterans and their families under two separate programs. The Agent Orange Veterans Payment Program provides \$170 million in cash benefits to long-term totally disabled veterans and the survivors of deceased veterans. Under the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program, about \$52 million will fund social-service projects that benefit Vietnam veterans and their families.

The amount of compensation paid to each veteran will be based on the veteran's age and period of disability, or on when the veteran died. Annual disability benefits are expected to average \$5,700, with a maximum benefit of \$12,800 per year. Lump-sum death benefits will average about \$1,800, with a maximum payment of \$3,400. The exact amount of payments will be determined by the number of eligible claimants.

Further information is available by calling toll-free (800) 225-4712.

Four additional awards for valor and the Purple Heart are now being inscribed on government-furnished headstones and markers at no charge.

The new VA policy, which became effective May 1, authorized inscriptions for the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart. The awards join the Medal of Honor, which has been inscribed on VA markers and headstones at government expense for many years.

The VA said that space limitations may require the use of abbreviations for the inscriptions. □

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"This special handbook can lead parents and their college-bound children to many sources of assistance," said Dr. W. Firman Haynie, chairman of the Legion's Committee on Education. "Many high-school counselors have told us that they use the book daily as they advise students who are planning for college."

Patrick G. Breen, a member of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, found *Need A Lift?* to be a gold mine of good advice. Four of Breen's five children found college assistance through the handbook. "A person can go to a bookstore and find a book that offers similar information for about \$5, but there's no guarantee that the information is current," he said.

Now in its 37th year of publication, *Need A Lift?* is distributed annually to about 100,000 parents and high-school students throughout the nation. Haynie said that the handbook is available to all students, not just Legionnaires' children; however, it contains several Legion and National Auxiliary scholar-



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ships that are available at the national and department levels.

"The Legion's goal always has been to assist all students who wish to further their education," Haynie said. "Investing in oneself is perhaps the most important investment of all."

Breen said that the handbook also helped his children apply for college admission. "It gave my children tips on how to decide on a course of study and the kind of information to expect from colleges," he said. "It helped me to prepare the paperwork needed for college admissions."

The 1988 edition of *Need A Lift?* is divided into several sections. The introduction is a primer for would-be college students and their parents. Other sections of the book include:

- American Legion and Auxiliary assistance and scholarships.
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- Federal scholarships and aid for graduate and undergraduate studies.
- State aid for veterans and their dependents.
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- Sources of career information.
- Student employment and cooperative education programs.

"Much of the information in *Need A Lift?* does not change from year to year, in terms of who offers aid and how to contact them," Haynie said.

"However, the majority of changes occur in the number and dollar amounts of awards, which continue to climb with the costs of attending college."

The book also lists other publications that explain how students should prepare themselves for life after college.

These references include information on job interviews, résumés, and how graduates can obtain government jobs and overseas employment.

"In almost every case, a scholarship does not cover the entire cost of a college education," Haynie said. "But this shouldn't discourage students from seeking other sources of help, and that's what *Need A Lift?* is all about." □

Need A Lift? may be ordered for \$1 per copy. Bulk orders of 100 copies can be purchased for \$75, plus \$5 shipping and postage. Orders should be sent to National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1650, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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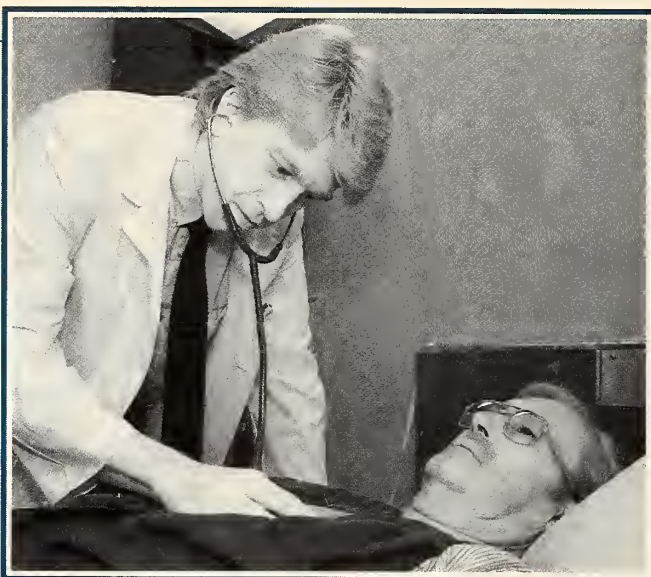
THE WINDS of war have carried Americans from the rolling hills of Concord to the watery battleground of the Persian Gulf. The winds of peace have brought them home, many returning with missing limbs, debilitating injuries, and the invisible wounds that combat burns into souls and minds.

In war and peace, the nation has recognized its obligation to care for those who did their duty as members of the armed forces. To those men and women who have either served their country or suffered the ravages of battle, the VA medical-care system has stood as testimony of the nation's appreciation of

the sacrifices of its warriors.

"America's moral imperative always has been to provide the best, most timely health care for its veterans," Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer said. "That obligation is even more critical for those veterans who cannot afford medical care and have nowhere else to turn."

Yet as so often happens, when the memories of war begin to fade, so too does the priority afforded to the debt owed to our veterans. Despite all the moral and legal reasons that mandate VA care for veterans, the VA medical system has become the target of many unwarranted attacks. Certain critics can be dismissed because they represent special-interest groups that have much to gain if the VA health-care deliv-



FEL BARBANTE

ery system is dismantled. But others, including some lawmakers on Capitol Hill, have accused the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery of being a budgetary behemoth that is out of control.

"Although their motives may be based on good intentions, some of the critics just don't have all the facts," said William F. Lenker, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "I would remind those who challenge DM&S spending that between 1974 and 1985 Medicare spending mushroomed 450 percent, while VA costs increased by less than a third of that," Lenker said.

Others question the need for a separate VA health-care system. They claim that veterans would be better served if all treatment and medical services were transferred to the private sector, where Medicare could take over. "What these people forget," said Lenker, "is that most civilian hospitals are not equipped to meet the special needs of veterans, such as amputees who must be rehabilitated and fitted with prosthetic devices. The VA is the nation's leader in prosthetics, and justifiably so."

If for no other reason, the VA medical system must be preserved because "the vast majority of veterans who are treated in VA hospitals do not have the means to pay for care," Lenker said.

Even some veterans themselves claim that the VA care they received was below the standards of private-sector hospitals.

"It's a mammoth agency," Lenker said, "and there are going to be problems with any system that large. Fortunately, the problems are not endemic to all VA hospitals. For every veteran who received poor care, there are 10 who are ready to praise the system."

Lenker's argument is supported by private physician Dr. Harry Schwartz, who wrote in the *VA Practitioner*: "The VA, on average, is probably as good as the non-VA medical system... No one should criticize the VA medical system in a way that implies that the non-VA system is perfect and therefore should replace the VA."

Lenker noted that The American Legion scrutinizes VA policy and often takes the agency to task over issues that adversely affect the medical care of veterans. A recent example relates to the Legion's criticism of the fact that many medical-care facilities face funding shortages amounting to millions of dollars. This shortfall resulted in cost-saving efforts such as a restriction on

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treatment of many non-service-connected veterans, reduction of some services and programs, closure of rural clinics, and other drastic measures that the Legion strongly opposes.

"But as VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage has said, Legion scrutiny is done in a positive, productive, supportive manner," Lenker added.

Turnage said the Legion's assertiveness is "in sharp contrast to those who seem to think that criticizing the VA will improve veterans' benefits. In this time of intense competition among medical-care providers, the enemies of a separate health-care system for veterans make use of such criticism of our system."

TURNAGE said he believes that the VA's enemies are attempting to entice eligible veterans away from the system, and that they hope to eventually dismantle the VA and replace it with a contract-medicine system.

If this should happen, said Lenker, "all Americans, not just veterans, would suffer far-reaching consequences. The VA's enormous contributions to medical research and training in this country are not fully understood or appreciated by a large segment of society."

For years the VA has recognized the growing problem of aging veterans, and its doctors and researchers have taken the lead in geriatric research. The agency operates 10 Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers at VA hospitals across the nation, and has developed home-care programs and day-care centers for elderly veterans. In meeting the challenge of caring for elderly patients, VA facilities are coordinating their programs with those in the community. "We know that the programs and techniques the VA develops



WATCHDOGS—Legion field representatives continually monitor the quality of health care and services at VA medical facilities throughout the country.

the VA developed such prosthetics marvels as the Seattle Foot, a fiberglass-and-foam device that gives amputees nearly the same mobility as the human foot and lower leg. VA researchers also were the first to implant a pacemaker, and the first to develop the CAT scanner, now widely used to locate and diagnose diseases.

"VA research and development continue at a rapid and promising rate," Lenker said. "The successes are not exclusively beneficial to veterans, but to all Americans."

One of the VA's least-known missions is to train about 100,000 doctors, nurses and other medical specialists each year through its cooperative-education program with more than 100 medical schools, and with 1,000 colleges and universities. The program gives young health professionals hands-on training and, in turn, helps the VA meet its patient-care goal.

Another justification for the VA medical system — one that has been sorely overlooked — is its mission as the primary backup for the Defense Department in the event of war. "The private medical industry is not designed to handle this, so it seems only logical that the

VA would fill this vital role," Lenker said.

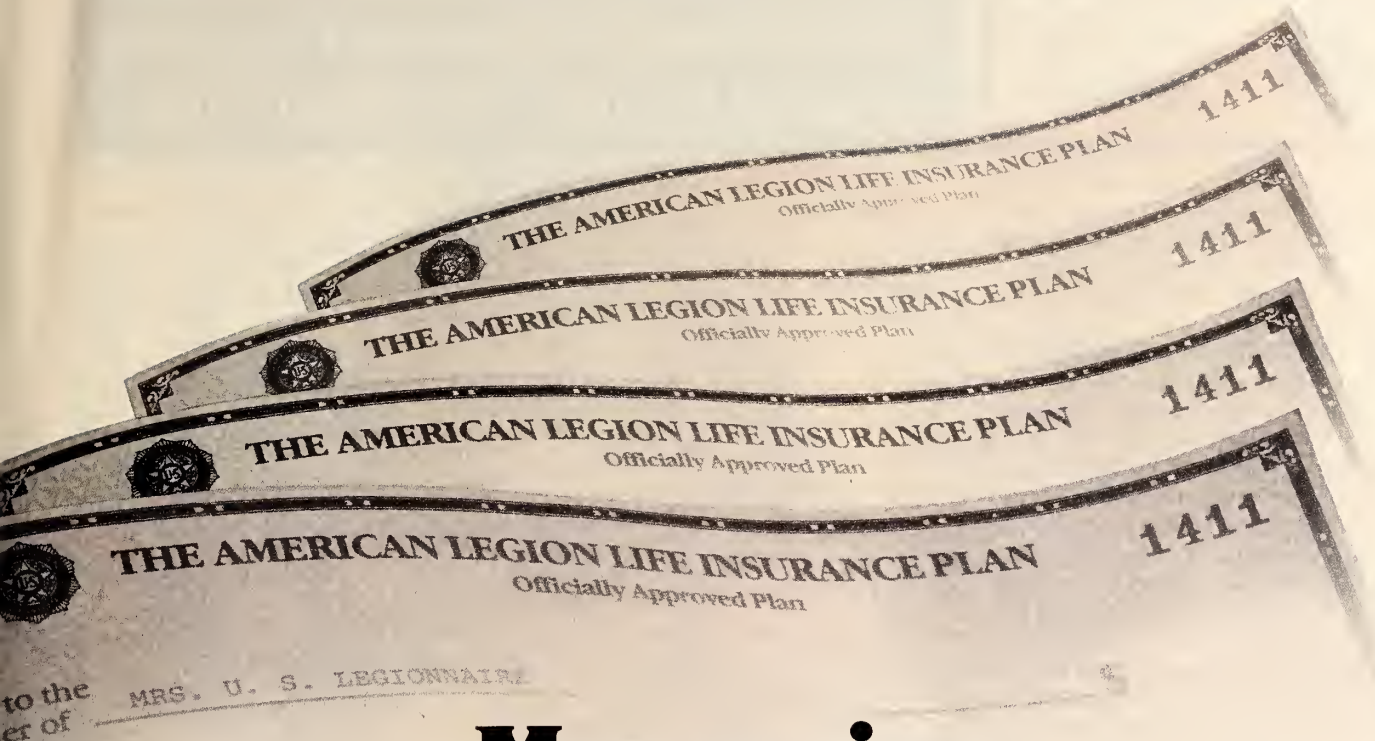
Why should Americans defend the VA health-care system? In addition to previously cited reasons, Lenker offered another: "The nation has always relied on volunteers to man its armed forces. In war or peace, it is vital that these young men and women know that they will be cared for if they become disabled, injured or without the means to pay for health care," he said. "VA medical care is not a handout; it is an entitlement promised by our nation and earned by those who served her when she called." —By Joe Stuteville □

may become the model for care in our entire society," said Turnage.

Society has benefited from VA research and development in other areas as well. In 1987, some of the agency's domiciliaries were opened to homeless veterans, estimated to comprise almost 40 percent of the nation's 3 million homeless. These veterans receive care ranging from basic medical treatment to psychiatric evaluation. They are also provided with basic necessities such as food and shelter.

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55-59	19,320	16,560	13,800	11,040	8,280	5,520	2,760	1,380
60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
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"That's what our program is all about," said Jon David, nodding toward the scene at home plate. "Every one of those kids is a winner as far as we're concerned." David, a member of Nicholson Post 38, Baton Rouge, is chairman of the post's American Legion Baseball Committee.

Like many posts throughout the country, Post 38 is a longtime supporter and sponsor of Legion Baseball, a national program that began in 1925. Every summer across America, about 4,000 teams, each consisting of young men between the ages of 16 and 18, compete in regular-season games and in local tournaments. The *crème de la crème* of these teams square off in regional tournaments; the winners meet in the Legion World Series.

While Post 38 continues to be involved in the 16-to-18-year-old "A" league, it has not ignored the younger boys in the Baton Rouge area. The post administers three other leagues: "B" for 15-to-16-year-olds; "C," ages 13-14; and "D," ages 10-12. In 1988, about 1,000 youths rounded out the rosters of the 59 teams in all leagues. Each of the younger leagues has a director who reports to David and the baseball committee.

"Junior-league play provides an excellent feeder system for those boys who will go on to play in the A league,"

Like major-league farm teams, post junior leagues are grooming young talent for Legion Baseball and the game of life.

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David said. "It develops their skills at a younger age so that they're able to meet the skill levels of their competitors. But more important, the lower leagues give the kids a purpose—something meaningful and wholesome to do over the summer months, rather than just sitting in front of the television set."

In Baton Rouge, the only thing more consistent than the broiling bayou sun or more seasoned than a heaping bowl of gumbo is Post 38's involvement with Legion Baseball, especially with junior-league play. The program began in 1928 and continued to grow in subsequent years, even during the Great Depression. Baton Rouge merchants and businesses channeled their good will and dollars into the program to keep it alive. Today, a sponsor pays \$500



MORE THAN FUN—
Post junior leagues offer youngsters a wholesome pastime, athletic training and proper role models for success in life.

fee before the season begins. The money helps pay for uniforms, equipment, umpires' fees and field maintenance.

"We haven't had many problems attracting and retaining sponsors," said post Cmdr. Robert Waltman, former baseball chairman. "Our sponsors feel a responsibility to kids in Baton Rouge."

Each player must pay a \$40 registration fee, although the amount often is waived if the youngster's family is financially strapped. "We have never turned down any boy who wants to play," Waltman said.

Post 38's baseball program is a business, a thriving enterprise with an annual budget of more than \$100,000. Although most of the revenue comes from sponsors' fees and player registrations, the post also raises money through concessions, ticket sales at all-star games and tournaments, and fund raisers such as raffles.

Each of the teams in the B, C and D leagues is assigned to one of 10 districts in the area. "It's a neighborhood concept so that the kids don't have to travel across town too often," said Waltman, who remains active in the program.

When players in the three leagues begin play each spring, they and their coaches are expected to adhere to the regulations in the baseball committee's rule book. The book spells out policies

NURTURING THE TALENT

EACH summer, thousands of young boys and teen-agers hone their baseball skills, and learn the values of fair play and team effort in junior-level baseball programs sponsored by American Legion posts and departments.

"Most of these programs are designed for youths whose ages preclude them from participating in mainstream Legion Baseball, which is for 16- to 18-year-olds," said James Quinlan, national baseball coordinator. "The programs operate on their own guidelines and rules that establish player eligibility, league play and tournaments."

One such program is operated by Post 1, Memphis, Tenn., where more than 150 players on 11 teams compete in the "AA" league. "Our emphasis has been on kids 16 and under," said post commander Ray Daniels. "We really don't have an age requirement, so long as the boy is able to compete on the playing field."

A major benefit of the junior leagues is that they develop a pool of talent for national Legion teams, just as farm clubs nurture talent for major-league teams.

"Our program mainly is intended to develop the talents of the younger kids who plan to play in American Legion Baseball," said Bob Craig, assistant adjutant for the Department of Nebraska. During the 1988 season, 311 teams competed in Junior and Midget leagues throughout his state, Craig said. "It has been a successful feeder system."

But at every level, Legion Baseball is a primer for what bluecappers everywhere hope to teach youngsters. "Kids learn the importance of working together toward a goal; they learn respect and responsibility from adhering to rules," Quinlan said. "Most of all, they learn about themselves, and they learn that winning is not necessarily what the scoreboard says, but an attitude that will carry them through life."

ranging from the number of innings played in each league to pitching rotations. Provisions deter coaches from stacking their teams with the most talented players. The rule book also contains a code of conduct for coaches and players.

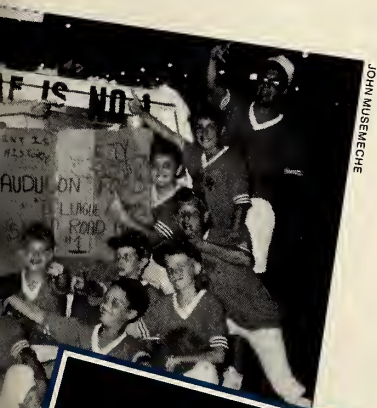
WE DON'T want our coaches mimicking the major-league bad boys who kick dirt at umpires," David said. "If they get out of line, they get out of the park. Players learn by the examples set by their coaches, who are there to teach them to function as a team and to foster good sportsmanship. That's what winning is really about."

Winning is something that Louisiana State University baseball coach Skip Bertman knows a thing or two about. Bertman, who has taken the LSU Tigers to two consecutive NCAA World Series appearances, said that Post 38's junior-baseball program is topnotch in every respect. "What this post has done with its program is admirable," he said. "It is a real civic project in Baton Rouge. There are strong ties between LSU and Legion Baseball." The university's Box Stadium has been the site of many Legion games and tournaments.

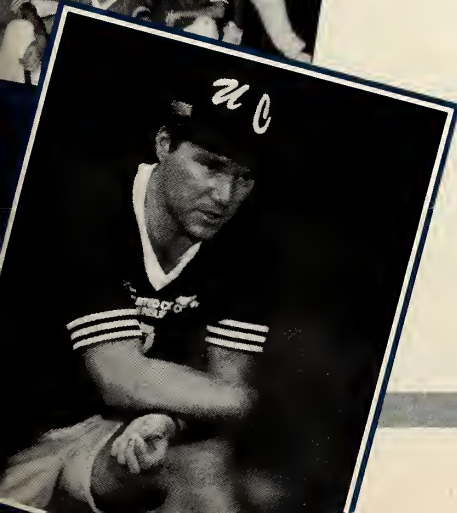
As Bertman and others suggest, the essence of Post 38's program is a double-play combination between the community and Legionnaires. "That's the way we planned it from the very start," said Delmar Babin, a World War I veteran who helped organize the program and later coached. "If you want something like this to succeed, you have to get the community behind you and let them know that you care for these boys." Babin, who is 91, is a regular spectator wherever Legion Baseball is played. He and the late N.P. "Sarge" Arceneaux are considered to be the godfathers of the post's program.

Community involvement also has taken more official lines over the years. The baseball committee works closely with the city's parks-and-recreation department to ensure that playing fields are well kept, and that the safety of players and fans is maintained. According to Waltman, the post-city relationship was nurtured fully during the 16-year administration of W.W. "Woody" Dumas, former mayor of Baton Rouge. Dumas is a product of the post's baseball program during its early years.

The success of the post's junior-
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JOHN MUSEMECHE



Bodies Of Soldiers Returned From Canada

NEW York Legionnaires were among an honor guard that greeted the remains of 28 American soldiers returned home from Canada after 174 years.

The soldiers were killed in 1814 during the War of 1812 and buried in unmarked graves at Fort Erie, Ont. Escorted by the New York state police, a procession of 28 hearses transported the remains for burial at the National Cemetery in Bath, N.Y., June 30. Full military honors were rendered by the Army's Old Guard from Fort Myer, Va.

New York Department Cmdr. Dick Pedro headed a contingent of Legionnaires from Steuben County and 7th District posts that paid final honors to the gallant men. "Once more our nation has demonstrated its firm commitment to repatriate our fallen comrades, no matter where or when," Pedro said.

The bodies were unearthed last November at a residential-development site. A team of archaeologists and historians from the United States and Canada determined from insignia on shirt buttons that the remains were



HOME AT LAST—The caskets of 28 American soldiers killed in the War of 1812 are covered with the flag during burial preparations at the National Cemetery in Bath, N.Y.

those of American soldiers. Bath was selected as the burial site after it was learned that many of the soldiers fighting in the Niagara Campaign were from the Finger Lakes area of western New York.

Experts who examined the bodies said the bones revealed many of the hardships the soldiers faced. Men in their 20s had premature arthritis, and there were fatigue fractures in legs from carrying heavy packs over long distances.

Spanogle Elected To USO Board

NAT'L Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle was recently elected to the 85-member USO World Board of Governors. As a member, Spanogle actively participates in establishing policy, direction and fund-raising activities for the worldwide organization, which serves U.S. military men and women, and their families.

"The addition of Bob Spanogle brings fresh ideas, resources and talents to every dimension of USO operations," said USO World President Charles T. Hagel. "Each time we elect new people to this governing body, we are reminded how important volunteers are to the USO. The financial security and continued success of the USO depend on the dedication and commitment of its volunteer leadership."

Spanogle is a former president and chairman of the board of the USO Council of Indianapolis.

The USO, a non-profit organization, operates 175 airport, fleet, family and community centers, and sponsors intercultural programs and celebrity entertainment for U.S. armed-forces personnel stationed throughout the world.

CWF To Honor Top Contributors

IN recognition of the outstanding support for the Foundation With a Future campaign, the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation plans to make several awards to departments.

The Excellence Award, which will be presented at the fall National Leadership Workshops, will honor the top per-capita department in each of the eight regions. Per capita will be determined by dividing the amount of money contributed in each department by the number of members in the department.

The Top Ten Award, also to be presented at the workshops, will recognize the 10 departments that contributed the most money.

Commander Comer's Per Capita

Awards, which are to be given at the national convention in Louisville, will honor the top six per-capita departments.

Thanks A Million Citations will be mailed to each department that contributed an average of 27 cents per member.

The Garland Murphy Jr. Award, to be awarded at the national convention, will go to the department that provided the best all-around support to the foundation during the past year.

Awards recognizing top individual contributors, and awards to top posts, Auxiliary units, SAL squadrons, and Eight and Forty salons will be presented at a CWF awards breakfast during the national convention.



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Alabama	Clayton E. Moneymaker	\$ 7,947	Kansas	C.A. Houk	\$16,461	Ohio	Richard J. Cherry	\$25,624
Alaska	Thomas V. Ruff	6,242	Kentucky	Michael D. Leon	4,417	Oklahoma	James C. Morton	1,024
Arizona	James B. Kirk	7,515	Louisiana	Sterling Hebert	7,742	Oregon	Harry Klug	13,630
Arkansas	Martha McDuan	4,255	Maryland	R. Lee Fisher	13,634	Panama	Dan McDonald	160
California	Mike Canales	27,194	Massachusetts	Paul A. Morin	90,292	Pennsylvania	Ronald F. Conley	21,252
Canada	Patrick Neumann	780	Mexico	Frank H. Nolan	535	Philippines	William H. Sener	85
Colorado	Tilison Gorsuch	5,574	Michigan	Roy B. Cicotte	11,131	Puerto Rico	Isidoro Cerpa Jr.	1,900
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Sqdn. 176		Alabama	\$ 210	Post 303	Claude Foster	Florida	\$ 319	Post 407	Ralph D. Schneider	Kansas	\$ 117
Sqdn. 237		Alabama	112	Sqdn. 24		Florida	100	Post 400	Robert D. Couch	Kansas	100
Unit 171		Alabama	410	Unit 33		Florida	1,250	Sqdn. 1		Kansas	239
Unit 176		Alabama	100	Sqdn. 90		Florida	100	Unit 225		Kansas	100
Unit 122		Alabama	150	Sqdn. 163		Florida	852	Sqdn. 370		Kansas	200
Unit 4		Alaska	100	Sqdn. 10		Florida	100	Unit 63		Kansas	100
Sqdn. 4		Alaska	100	Sqdn. 266		Florida	200	Unit 17		Kansas	100
Unit 1		Alaska	200	Unit 16		France	100	Unit 1		Kansas	100
Unit 13		Alaska	108	Unit 264		Georgia	100	Unit 400		Kansas	200
Unit 35		Alaska	160	Unit 51		Georgia	500	Unit 193		Kentucky	600
Sqdn. 35		Alaska	200	Post 20	William Paris Jr.	Hawaii	100	Unit 220		Kentucky	350
Sqdn. 17		Alaska	100	Post 19	Carl H. McKenzie	Hawaii	100	Unit 22		Kentucky	168
Unit 27		Alaska	500	Post 56	Leroy Pulawa	Hawaii	500	Salon 585		Kentucky	140
Unit 20		Alaska	100	Post 1	Donald V. Ables	Hawaii	100	Unit 217		Kentucky	136
Post 41	Henry Velasquez	Arizona	500	Post 4	Mike Dshita	Hawaii	100	Sqdn. 313		Kentucky	200
Post 6	Billy N. Hoffman	Arizona	307	Unit 2		Hawaii	100	Post 557	Earnest Larks	Louisiana	100
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Post 2	Ariel Rodriguez	Arizona	100	Post 1160	Frank Abbetemarcro	Illinois	100	Sqdn. 179		Louisiana	104
Post 69	William B. Knight	Arizona	100	Post 336	Thomas D. O'Brien	Illinois	200	Sqdn. 349		Louisiana	100
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Sqdn. 19		Arizona	100	Unit 113		Illinois	100	Post 154	Kestutis Galeckas	Maryland	1,500
Unit 29		Arizona	217	Unit 784		Illinois	100	Sqdn. 130		Maryland	150
Post 32	Doane Yeager	Arkansas	1,500	Post 428	Albert A. Plys	Indiana	779	Sqdn. 195		Maryland	120
Unit 31		Arkansas	194	Post 131	Robert Tetloff	Indiana	100	Sqdn. 60		Maryland	101
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Sqdn. 32		Colorado	250	Sqdn. 169		Indiana	150	Sqdn. 380		Massachusetts	100
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Post 48	Elwood C. Wells	Dist. of Columbia	100	Sqdn. 83		Indiana	100	Unit 409		Michigan	500
				Sqdn. 10		Indiana	108	Unit 322		Michigan	100
Post 54	Thomas W. Tilman	Florida	343	Unit 10		Indiana	108	Unit 54		Michigan	200
Post 303	Thomas A. Hearn	Florida	200	Sqdn. 330		Indiana	100	Unit 258		Michigan	100
Post 152	Herbert P. Mason Jr.	Florida	100	Sqdn. 492		Indiana	100	Sqdn. 365		Michigan	500
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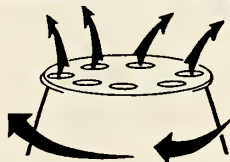
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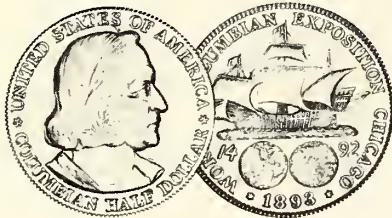
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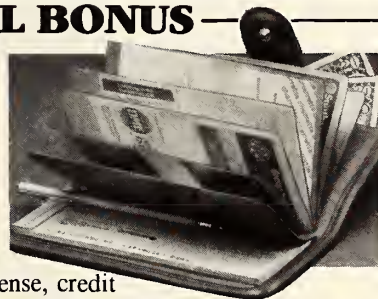
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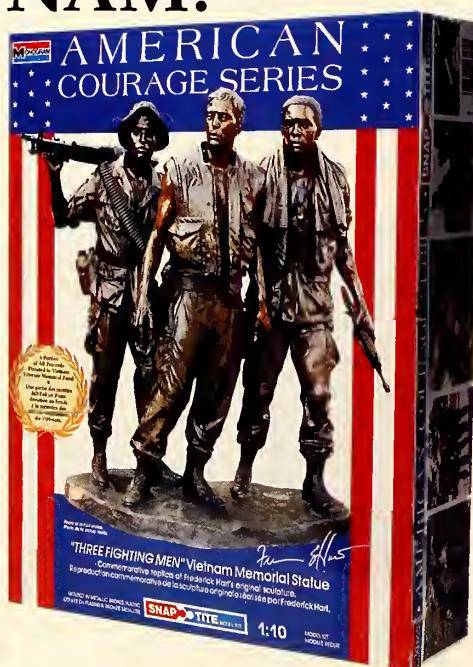
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first assigned to the code rooms of nuclear submarines. [Editor's note: Many states and organizations either do not make teen-age records available, or expunge such records if they are established before a specific age, usually 16 to 18.] And in later years, when he worried that his conspicuous spending of KGB cash might raise a few questions, he found a way to avoid the scheduled background checks required for the renewal of his top-secret clearance. He had a replica of an official NIS stamp made for \$2.98 at a stationery store, and embossed his own file as "cleared and vetted."

Whitworth, Walker's friend and partner, was able to leave his post at the Alameda Naval Base each lunch hour with an attaché case full of secret documents. Whitworth would go to a van in the parking lot, photograph the "borrowed" files and return them before anyone noticed that they were missing.

Michael Walker, John's 19-year-old son, was put in charge of a burn bag on a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier even though he had failed his first Navy physical because of drug-related problems. He also was able to hide 19 pounds of secret documents in an air vent by his bunk.

Perhaps most incredibly, when Barbara Walker called the FBI to report her husband, it took a skeptical bureau five months to begin investigating Walker's activities. Another bureau miscalculation allowed his KGB contact to escape on the night of Walker's arrest.

The fact that a ring of relatively low-ranking Navy men had such a costly effect on the security of this country for so long is, of course, unsettling. But the very existence of the Walker ring raises another question: What has the military done to correct the security laxness that allowed the Walker ring to operate undetected? The answer is—very little.

The official Navy policy is that the Walker ring was a freak phenomenon and that agents-in-place, as traitors are called in the intelligence business, are very difficult to police. However, more than 800,000 Americans—employees of the military and of civilian industries—have security clearances. One has to wonder how many more Walker rings the KGB might be operating in this country and what is being done to stop them. □

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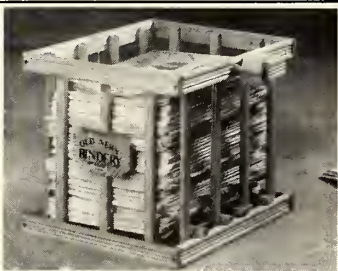


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A: Well, terrorism has increased slightly over the past couple of years, but it has increased enormously over the past 10 to 15 years. The number of deaths is going up.

The use of terrorism by nations — state-sponsored terrorism — represents a formidable challenge to this country and the rest of the Free World. It is a way to get a cheap victory. Terrorists are taking airplane passengers hostage, blowing up official facilities and assassinating people in key places around the world.

Twenty-five percent of terrorist incidents involve U.S. citizens, property or institutions, so we are getting it full-bore. We need to cooperate with other freedom-loving countries in a common front against terrorism. This front has solidified in the past two years. Some mistakes we made in the Iran-Contra affair weakened it, but I think we've patched that problem. We are again working with our European allies to eliminate sanctuary for terrorists.

Q: Under Mikhail Gorbachev, the Kremlin apparently has shifted from a policy of diplomacy by intimidation to a more cooperative stance. Is this real, or are we simply facing a new, dangerous form of diplomacy by deception?

A: Several factors go into *glasnost* and *perestroika* in the Soviet Union. Kremlin rhetoric seems to be more reasonable and more non-confrontational, but behind the rhetoric stands one of the world's most formidable military establishments. There is no indication that the Soviet Union's aspirations have changed in any way.

We would deceive ourselves if we thought that our ability to negotiate with Gorbachev represented the end of Soviet expansion objectives. We don't want to kid ourselves about that.

Q: Do you believe that we have sufficient intelligence-gathering ability in the Soviet Union to ensure adequate verification of arms-control agreements?

A: That, of course, has been the subject of intense study and debate. I believe that we could provide reasonable estimates on which the policy-makers can make sound judgments on the INF Treaty.

START represents a significantly more formidable challenge to us. Confidence-building provisions such as on-site inspection are being discussed, but we do not yet have the certainty that I think Congress will require before any such treaty could be ratified.

Q: There have been reports that the Soviets are preparing to violate the ABM Treaty by deploying a nationwide anti-ballistic-missile system. Do you have any way of verifying that?

A: I'm not in a position to comment on that.

Q: Does criticism of the CIA affect agents' morale and effectiveness?

A: No one likes to be criticized. But I have been impressed not only by the quality of the men and women who work in this agency — by their dedication, courage and extraordinary gifts — but also by the quality of the young men and women who are electing to make intelligence their career. They are confident of the value of this work; they are comfortable with the difficulties that this work represents in their personal lives and the sacrifices that they are required to make. They are not bothered by criticism, because they know that the CIA is the "point man" for U.S. foreign policy. They see in this work not fame or fortune, but an opportunity to realize their highest aspirations for a safer and better world.

When you have that kind of outlook — not zealous or narrow, but with great capacity for intellectual growth — you understand that criticism comes with the territory.

Q: In a way, isn't being criticized a backhanded compliment to the agency?

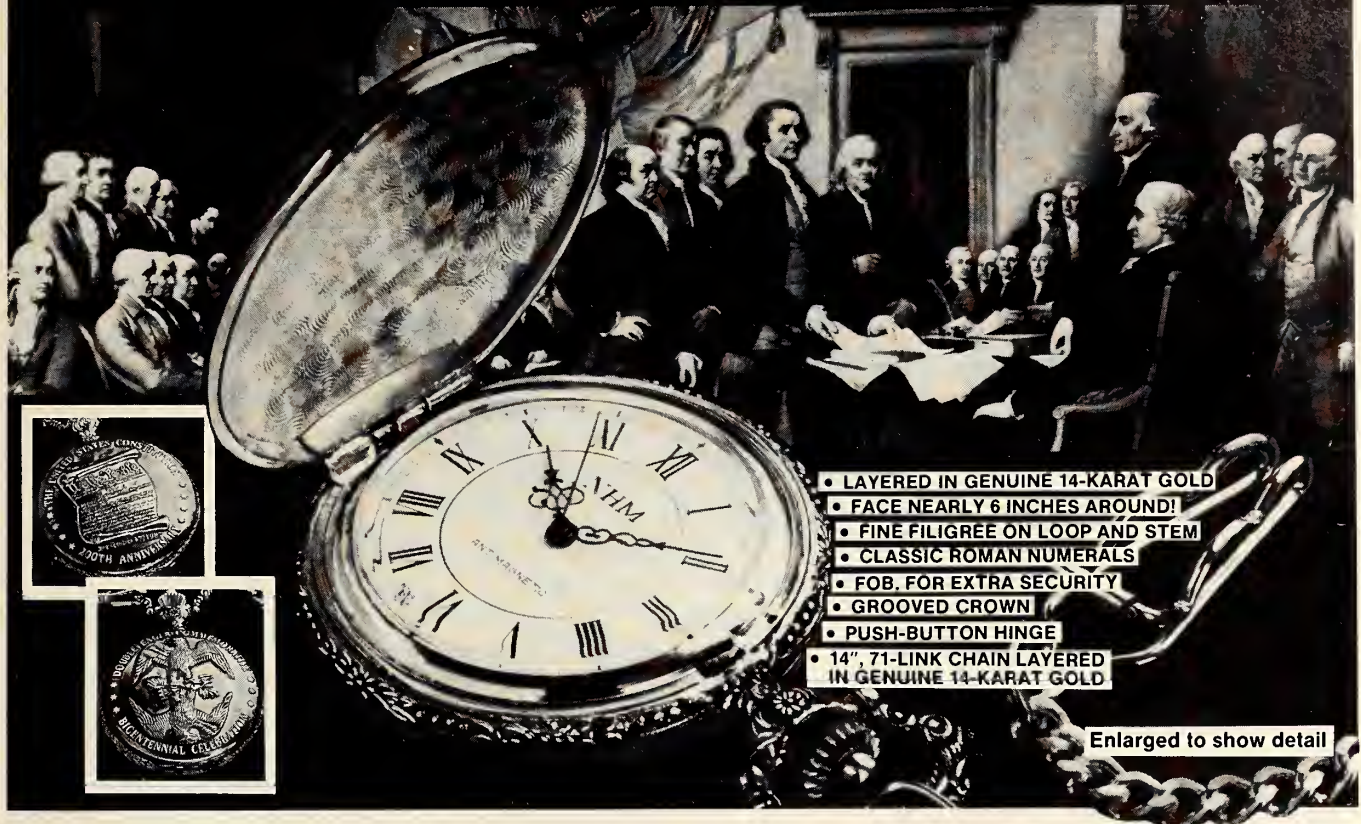
A: I think so.

Q: What could Congress or the general public do to help the CIA do a better job of defending our way of life?

A: The congressional committees are in a position to reinforce the need for intelligence and to speak up for us, in terms of the quality of our work and our compliance with the laws. That would help.

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missiles that would make it impossible for the Navy to operate as it now does.

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For these reasons, this is a phony issue, a posture that the Soviets have struck for bargaining purposes. When they are ready for a treaty, they will abandon their current, unworkable position and agree that verifiable limits on sea-launched cruise missiles cannot be achieved. We should speed up the process by telling the Soviets clearly and emphatically that we will not budge.

From the day it was announced in the spring of 1983, the Soviet Union has been trying to kill SDI. In Geneva, Soviet negotiators have proposed several restrictions that would guarantee SDI's failure. The President has been right to reject these restrictions. But in accepting legislation that restricts the testing of SDI technology, he has accepted terms that limit the program in precisely the way that the Soviets have demanded. Eventually, Gorbachev will realize that Congress is doing the Soviet negotiators' work for them, and that his best bet is to agree to language that will allow that process to continue.

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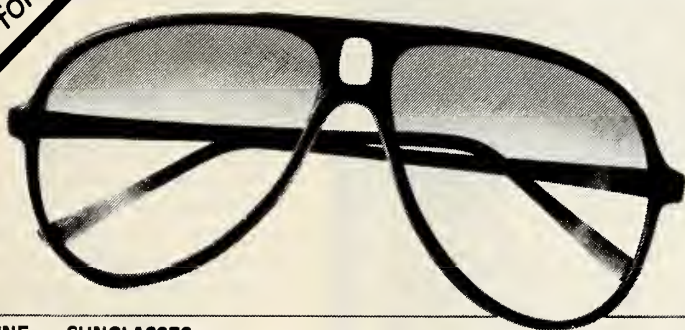
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MONEY SENSE

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If your income taxes are your responsibility, remember that you must make quarterly payments based on your estimated tax liability for the year. These payments are due on the 15th of April, June, September and January. To approximate your quarterly liability, simply divide last year's total federal tax bill by four. But remember that tax rates are being reduced in 1988. You must pay 90 percent of your tax bill, or you may be charged an 11 percent penalty for underpayment. If your earnings differ significantly from last year's, you may be underpaying or overpaying your federal taxes.

By Feb. 1, you should receive from every client or employer that has paid you more than \$600 in the previous calendar year an IRS Form 1099 detailing those earnings.

To minimize your taxes, keep explicit records of all job-related expenditures, earnings and receipts. You may be able to claim certain year-end deductions for rent, office materials or transportation if you can prove that the expenses were necessary for your work.

TEMPORARY AGENCIES

Because of the growing demand for professional part-time employees, many temporary-employment agencies have begun to compete for qualified workers by offering fringe benefits, such as group health insurance. However, many of these programs are still employee-paid and effective only after 1,000 hours — more than six months — of continual employment with the same agency.

Most temporary agencies, though, offer the advantage of withholding all taxes when they issue paychecks. Many "temps" may not be subject to the self-employment tax if they are employed by the agency.

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SOUTH AFRICA

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repressive. The list of its supporters reads like a Marxist *Who's Who*: the Soviet Union, Cuba, East Germany, North Korea and others. Despite good intentions, U.S. aid to Mozambique has only helped the government prosecute its war against RENAMO.

The wars in Angola and Mozambique are causing tremendous suffering for millions of people. Unfortunately, the United States cannot help bring these wars to an end until it decides which side it is on. It is time for the State Department to demand direct negotiations between the governments and rebels in both countries. The United States also should support the freedom fighters in both countries so that they can negotiate from a position of strength.

The current U.S. response to Soviet aggression consists of trying to buy off Soviet allies with economic assistance and endless negotiations that shut out anti-communist movements. At stake are the freedom of millions of people and a region of immense strategic importance. We cannot afford to continue a policy that treats pro-democratic movements like bargaining chips and leaves communist regimes in power.

The State Department's dubious strategy for South Africa calls only for direct negotiations. However, the African National Congress is neither a viable fighting force nor a democratic organization, but a Soviet-sponsored terrorist organization. The State Department claim that the ANC "reflects the legitimate aspirations" of South Africa's blacks is patently false. The ANC receives direct military assistance from the Soviet Union, and at least half the members of its executive committee are members of the South Afri-

can Communist Party.

I support negotiations to determine South Africa's future, and I believe that the United States should encourage such a dialogue. I agree, however, with President Reagan, who said, "The South African government is under no obligation to negotiate the future of the country with any organization that proclaims the goal of creating a communist state — and uses terrorist tactics to achieve it."

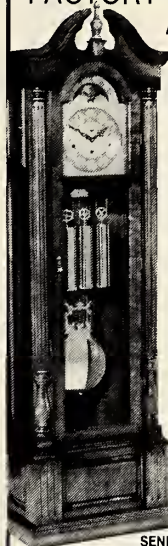
Despite appearances, moderates on both sides still desire to develop peaceful solutions to that country's problems, averting the plunge into war. South Africa has a modern industrial economy that depends on the participation of the black population. The most realistic avenue to power for South Africa's blacks is not military but economic. Instead of applying sanctions to that country that penalize black workers, we should be actively helping blacks achieve economic power.

There is a real opportunity for a string of pro-democratic victories in southern Africa. With small but significant changes in U.S. policy, Soviet advances might be easily reversed. But for that to happen, we must decide now which side we are on in southern Africa. ☐

THE LEGION'S POSITION

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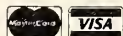
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BIG MONEY

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the past year or two, the prices of top-quality 20th-century coins have exploded. Availability is the key. Among the most popular series, he suggested, are Jefferson nickels, Winged Liberty Head dimes, Liberty quarters, and Kennedy and Franklin half-dollars.

"It is hard to believe that many of these coins have attained such high values," he said. "The rush is for coins of superb quality—coins that have sharp strike, blazing luster and virtually no detracting marks. The value of top-grade Franklin half-dollars has reached the \$200 level."

But experts shy away from making predictions, saying that trends are cyclical. Bowers, author of a dozen books on coins and the co-owner of a coin gallery, believes that the best buys are high-quality 19th-century coins that have good track records.

In his book, *High Profits From Rare Coin Investment*, he suggests that you "spend the first several hundred dollars of your investment money on books. Find an area of specialty you'd like; become an expert in that area; go out into the numismatic world and buy some coins."

One of the most important factors in determining a coin's market value is coin grading. Coins are rated on a 70-point scale, with the best carrying a Mint State (MS) rating of 60 to 65. Grading is one of the trickiest problems in the coin business. Much of it is subjective, yet a difference of just one level can raise or lower a coin's value by hundreds of dollars.

As might be expected, such a fine point can lead to abuses by unscrupulous operators. If you buy a coin graded MS65, only to learn when you sell it that its true grade is only MS63, you stand to lose any anticipated profit. A year ago, postal authorities and the Federal Trade Commission accused a Boston coin gallery of attempting to defraud customers of \$29 million by selling overgraded coins.

Telemarketing has led to further abuses. California authorities recently issued an "investors' alert" against boiler-room operators who were overgrading. In Minnesota, a woman was conned into paying \$17,000 for coins that later were appraised at \$5,000. In

Maine, a scam artist used newspaper ads to sell Kennedy half-dollars for \$18.90; they were available at coin shops for less than \$5.

How can you keep from getting rolled in the coin market? Check the seller very carefully, advises the FTC. Unlike most investments, the coin business is loosely regulated. Look for coin dealers who have been in business for a decade or two, or who are members of the Professional Numismatists Guild, which has some of the toughest standards in the business. Guild members must submit any unresolved disagreements between dealer and customer to binding arbitration.

If you plan to make a profit, you'll have to hold your purchases for at least three to five years. Because nearly all purchases are made at retail and all sales at wholesale, some time must elapse before that spread is covered.

But even if your motive is profit, you're likely to find coin collecting addictive. Ken Bressett, education director for the American Numismatic Association, has seen it happen many times. "People who plan to build an inheritance for their children and grandchildren get hooked on the coins themselves, and become avid collectors," he said. "In the end, they leave their heirs a legacy of fascination with history and geography that's as valuable as the money."

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BASEBALL

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baseball program usually is evident when many of the players move up to the A league. While Post 38 has yet to field a Legion World Series champion team, some of the Baton Rouge teams have made it to series playoffs, and many have won regional contests. But success cannot be measured merely by players' deftness with bats and mitts or by the stat sheets.

"In 1987, 23 high-school players in our A league won baseball scholarships," David said. The post also awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the player whose prowess on the playing field is equaled by his classroom performance. "But our emphasis in the lower leagues is to take those kids who are not so talented in baseball, and make them talented, civic-minded and responsible people."

Post 38 helped a player whose promising baseball career came to a tragic end in a game mishap that left him quadriplegic. Post members and other Legionnaires throughout the state donated \$37,000 to purchase a wheelchair van and insurance for Robert Flowers, so that the young man could attend classes at Louisiana Technical Institute.

The success of the program has helped the post in other ways, according to Waltman. "We know that our post membership has been helped by the baseball program," he said. "Many of our 1,700 members joined because of their interest in baseball and particularly because of their concern for youngsters."

What really matters cannot be found in the win-loss columns or among the talented players who may go on to have their photographs printed on collector cards. What counts is the fact that Baton Rouge youths, like others around the nation who are involved in American Legion Baseball, are learning the values of fair play, citizenship and physical conditioning — the very skills that will help shape them into all-star adults who are responsible members of their communities. With all due respect to the late, great Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers: In Legion Baseball, nice guys do finish first. —by Joe Stuteville □

For more information about establishing an American Legion Baseball program, write to your department headquarters or to American Legion Baseball, Americanism Commission, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

TOTAL FORCE

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ing and winning if America is forced into a conflict," Temple said.

Although many people might argue that the threat of war has been lessened through such agreements as the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty and the ongoing Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, Temple said that such pacts will necessitate a buildup of the nation's conventional forces.

Yet the key to the Guard's strength as a partner in the Total Force policy is the people who fill its ranks. Today's Army National Guard has about 450,000 members; its airborne counterpart, the Air National Guard, has 114,000.

"America has placed its trust in its reserve forces," Temple said. However, he concedes that maintaining the Guard's strength is a difficult and demanding process, given the nation's strong economy and opportunities available to young men and women. "What is essential is that the Guard retain as many current troops as possible through incentives, sound and meaningful training, and recognition of each individual's contributions to the nation and national security."

Despite the shortfalls in equipment and the debate over whether federal or state government should control the National Guard, the Guard's mission has not changed since the days when American colonists traded their plowshares for muskets in defense of their nation. Readiness always has been the ultimate challenge of national defense, and perhaps never more so than today.

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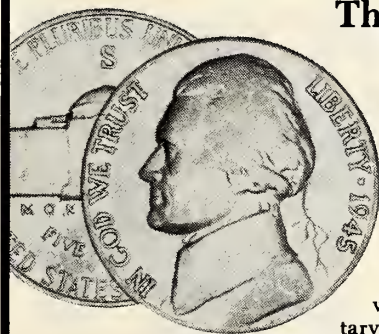
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RETIREMENT

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Of course, money is not the only consideration for people who are facing retirement. Just as important as the soundness of your finances is your mental preparedness (see related story, p. 31).

Although the transition to retired life can be awkward for anyone, it is perhaps most vexing for those who spent their careers in military service. As retired Marine Corps Col. William C. Pollack wrote in a recent article aimed at the 1.5 million Americans who draw military pensions, "The soldier, sailor, Marine or airman who retires after 20-plus years joins a civilian society in which there are millions of people roaming around out of step and uniform, with no one in charge. It's frightening as hell!" Fortunately, Pollack said, the fear tends to subside with time.

One thing that the military retiree can do to expedite the transition is avoid brandishing his rank. Join the community, say those who know, instead of trying to lead it. "Certainly, ex-military people have much to offer in the way of public service and leadership after retirement," said C.J. Kurtz, a former Army colonel who now is an employee-relations consultant. "But there's a subtle danger in not knowing where to draw the line. You must remember that people outside the military neither want nor expect to have to toe the mark in their everyday lives, particularly if they're retired themselves."

Kurtz believes that in the end, all of us would do well to recognize that retirement is not supposed to be as structured as work is. "The biggest mistake people make is trying to translate their work habits to retirement living," Kurtz said. "Learn to relax, kick back and smell the flowers, as they say, and you'll begin to appreciate the true meaning of the term 'golden years.'"

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AMERICA'S SECRETS

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gation of this apparent security breach.

The U.S. embassy in Moscow best symbolizes the lack of concern about security. Construction was turned over to Soviet workers, who secretly installed hundreds of sophisticated listening and recording devices. Not until the building was nearly complete did anyone recognize what was happening.

The problem of embassy security is not limited to the Soviet Union; American embassies in many other countries also have security problems. Nor is lax security at U.S. embassies a new phenomenon. There is a rich 30-year history of security breaches, from which U.S. officials have learned little.

Another example of the lack of official concern about security is the new Soviet embassy in Washington. The site on which it was built is one of the highest in Washington, making it an ideal location from which to electronically eavesdrop on government conversations. Because of this, U.S. intelligence and security officials strongly opposed the location; nevertheless, President Nixon approved it. Soviet engineers, knowing full well what they could do, tirelessly inspected everything that went into the new embassy, which was built by Soviet technicians.

The problem is even more widespread than these highly publicized incidents suggest. For example, the FBI allegedly found 20 pounds of code-word material in the home of an employee of a congressional intelligence committee. In another case, it is alleged that CIA agent Edward Lee Howard, who was being trained for covert operations in Moscow, defected to the Soviet Union; this virtually shut down the few remaining CIA operations in Moscow. Also, a Chinese translator for the CIA turned out to have been a spy for 30 years.

There have been many questions about the lack of official understanding of Cuba's actions, and especially of the Soviet role in Cuba. In 1987 the reasons for this became clear. A Cuban intelligence officer who defected told U.S. officials that all CIA agents in Cuba had been "turned" and were being used to feed innocuous information to the agency. He and other defectors also testified about the ability of Soviet-trained intelligence agents to pass polygraph tests. Every one of the CIA

double agents that the Cuban officer identified had passed the CIA's test.

Since 1968, 63 people have been arrested for espionage; most of those arrests came after 1981. Given the problems in counterintelligence since the mid-1970s, the post-1981 arrests probably took a great deal of extra work.

What happened in the mid-'70s? U.S. internal security was almost completely dismantled. The official list of subversive organizations was eliminated; only perfunctory background investigations were conducted on applicants for security clearances; and the attorney general ruled that people suspected of espionage could not be placed under surveillance unless they were known to have committed crimes. Indeed, even membership in the Communist Party was no longer considered to be sufficient grounds for denying someone a security clearance. The number of active FBI cases dropped from more than 20,000 in 1973 to fewer than 20 in 1979. During this time, terrorism, illegal immigration and drug trafficking were expanding almost without restriction.

As a result of these changes, we have next to no counterintelligence or internal security today. There are substantial efforts to portray U.S. intelligence and military agencies as being the enemy, rather than our first line of defense. The Western media are more critical of U.S. officials' statements than they are of Soviet officials' statements. Efforts to block the transfer of technology to the Soviet Union are countered by the efforts of the State and Commerce departments to increase trade with the Soviet Union. Treaties that call for increased trade and technical cooperation are conveniently coupled with arms-control agreements.

It is difficult, and perhaps even

THE LEGION'S POSITION

Res. 330, approved by the 68th national convention in Cincinnati in September 1986, endorses capital punishment for espionage.

Res. 521, approved by the 68th national convention, urges Congress to re-establish the House Committee on Internal Security to expose subversive activities.

Res. 522, approved by the 68th national convention, reaffirms American Legion support of the CIA, FBI, and all other intelligence and security agencies that protect the United States from foreign espionage, organized crime and subversive activities.

dangerous, to speculate on the cause of these problems. However, a common thread seems to run through most of the cases: an alarming absence of serious concern about the communist threat. This is particularly evident in favorable media portrayals of Soviet leaders. In Great Britain, West Germany and the United States, Mikhail Gorbachev's popularity rating is higher than President Reagan's.

The Soviet Union constitutes the single most dangerous, unprincipled power in the 20th century. In building their empire, Soviet leaders have ruthlessly exterminated more than 150 million people and subjugated the citizens of 37 countries.

What makes the Soviet threat especially dangerous is a massive propaganda campaign designed to convince people that the Soviet Union seeks peace, which military forces only threaten. Many Westerners have been influenced by this campaign—which, the CIA estimates, costs more than \$3 billion per year. But no one stops to explain to Western decision-makers and journalists that the Soviet definition of peace is the destruction of capitalism.

The loss of U.S. secrets reveals a serious, growing defect in the very notion of national security. Perhaps Pentagon employees are more concerned about their retirements or their next jobs than they are about security, as several television reports have suggested. Perhaps many people feel that military power has lost its meaning in the nuclear age. Perhaps they have been influenced by corporations' interest in increased trade with the Soviet Union and its satellites.

It is reasonable to worry about national security as long as these conditions persist. As long as top government officials resist widespread use of polygraph tests, as long as it is unpopular to be anti-communist or anti-Soviet, and as long as the United States negotiates new arms-control treaties when old ones are being blatantly violated, it may be unreasonable to expect anything better. ☐

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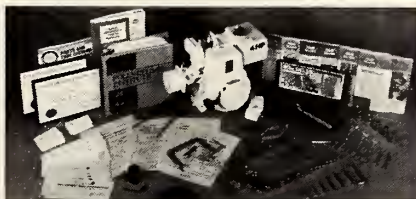
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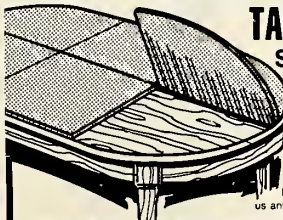
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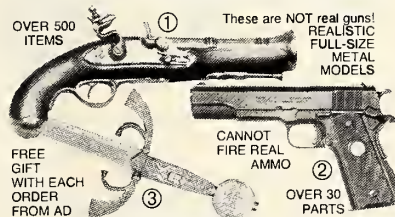
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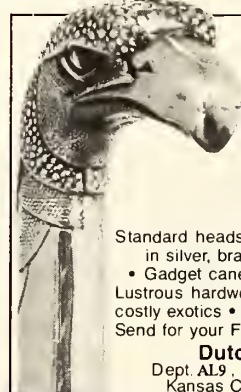
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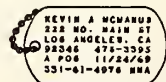


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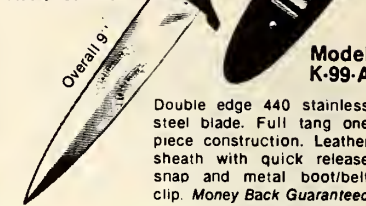
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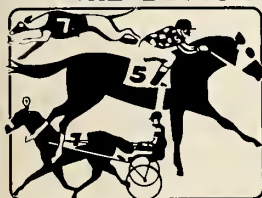
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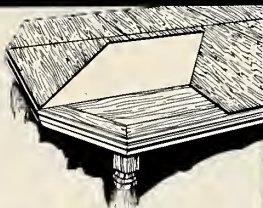
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